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lĕg'ə-sĕ n. Something handed down from an ancestor or a predecessor or from the past



A legacy is a lasting impression, and long after current freshmen graduate, and after the foundation of the last building crumbles, the impact of Southern Miss as an educational facility and as a former home will be seen and felt through the efforts of alumni and faculty who not only added to amassing human understanding, but to building the character of its students.





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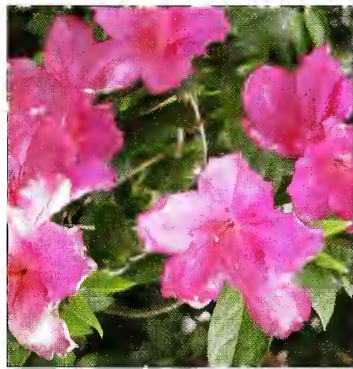


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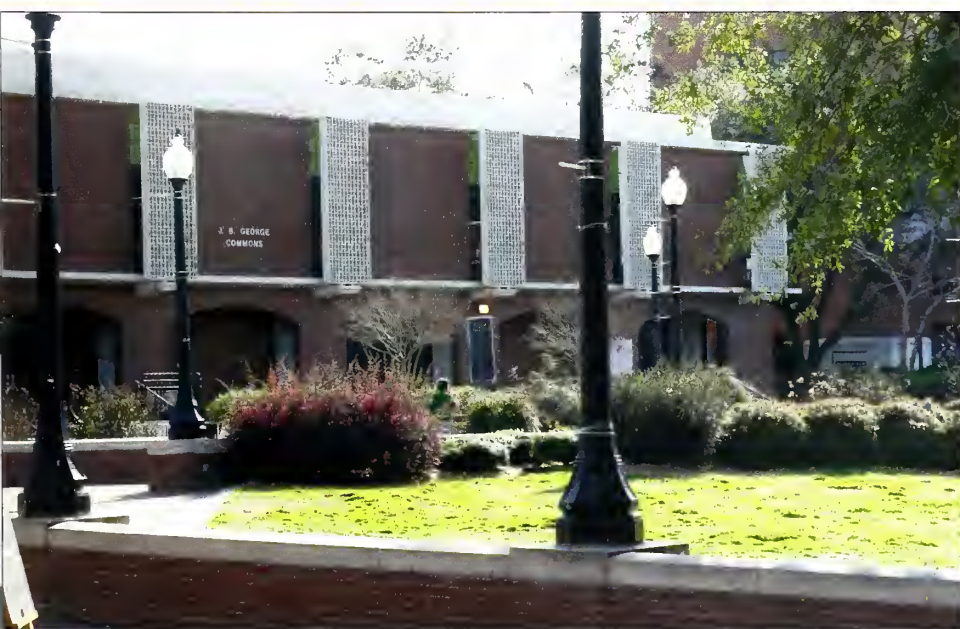
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Despite its youth, The University of Southern Mississippi is even now forging a legacy and finding its place among other universities and colleges in the nation and in the world. Southern Miss is home to many demographics and peoples of various walks and affiliations. However, the central thread that holds the student body together is a sense of pride and a common goal of excellence.

Through Golden Eagle Welcome Week, homecoming, graduation and other events, the lives of students are enriched with Golden Eagle pride, and the individual stories of students, regardless of class, ethnicity, or social stature, are added to the Southern Miss legacy. This is a legacy of constant adaptation, confidence, achievement and finally advancement, seen in every outlet of student life on and off of campus.



*"He who has done his
best for his own time has
lived for all times."*

-Friedrich von Schiller

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Trying times were a running theme in 2005, and the ramifications of this theme bled into the New Year. Despite the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, the trials of the continued War on Terror, foreign political turmoil and the loss of prominent cultural and political figures, Southern Miss never gave up the fight for advancement or the pursuit of solutions to these difficult problems.



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Southern Miss students and constituents made up a valiant force of relief efforts for both domestic and foreign disasters, and through the perseverance and determination of these efforts the light of hope was brought to desolate situations around the world. These actions exemplify the legacy of Southern Miss, and through this perseverance, the noble certainty of the institution provided a support for groups of people grasping for something solid.



Photo by Janet Payne

Student fundraisers supported victims of the Pakistani earthquake, clean-up crews of students began digging even their own homes out from under rubble after Katrina, and, as every year in the past, students participated in an assortment of philanthropies and programs that aimed to cure disease and end hatred. Various events throughout the year showed Southern Miss' ability to combat the difficulties of 2005, but

even more showed its ability to combat the difficulties of every year. AIDS awareness rallies and benefits for the homeless and for the hungry made students realize that people in many countries live in a constant state of disaster.

This year, after the hurricane, even the face of campus was different. Trees that once stood firmly as shade and decoration lay sprawled in disarray, and roofs that once gave shelter from rain were patched with blue tarps.

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"The only thing you take with you when you're gone is what you leave behind."

-John Allston



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In a more global sense, the world around us changed, as various countries witnessed drastic changes in power over the year. Countries such as Iran and Palestine became more deeply tied with Hamas, while Pope John Paul II, the leader of the Catholic Church for more than two decades was succeeded by Pope Benedict XVI upon his death. With this preamble of vigilance and bold determination we



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now begin a walk through the high and low points of the year, a year we will all remember not as the year of death and destruction, but as the year that human vigilance was seen to shine through the darkest of hours, and our legacy lived on.

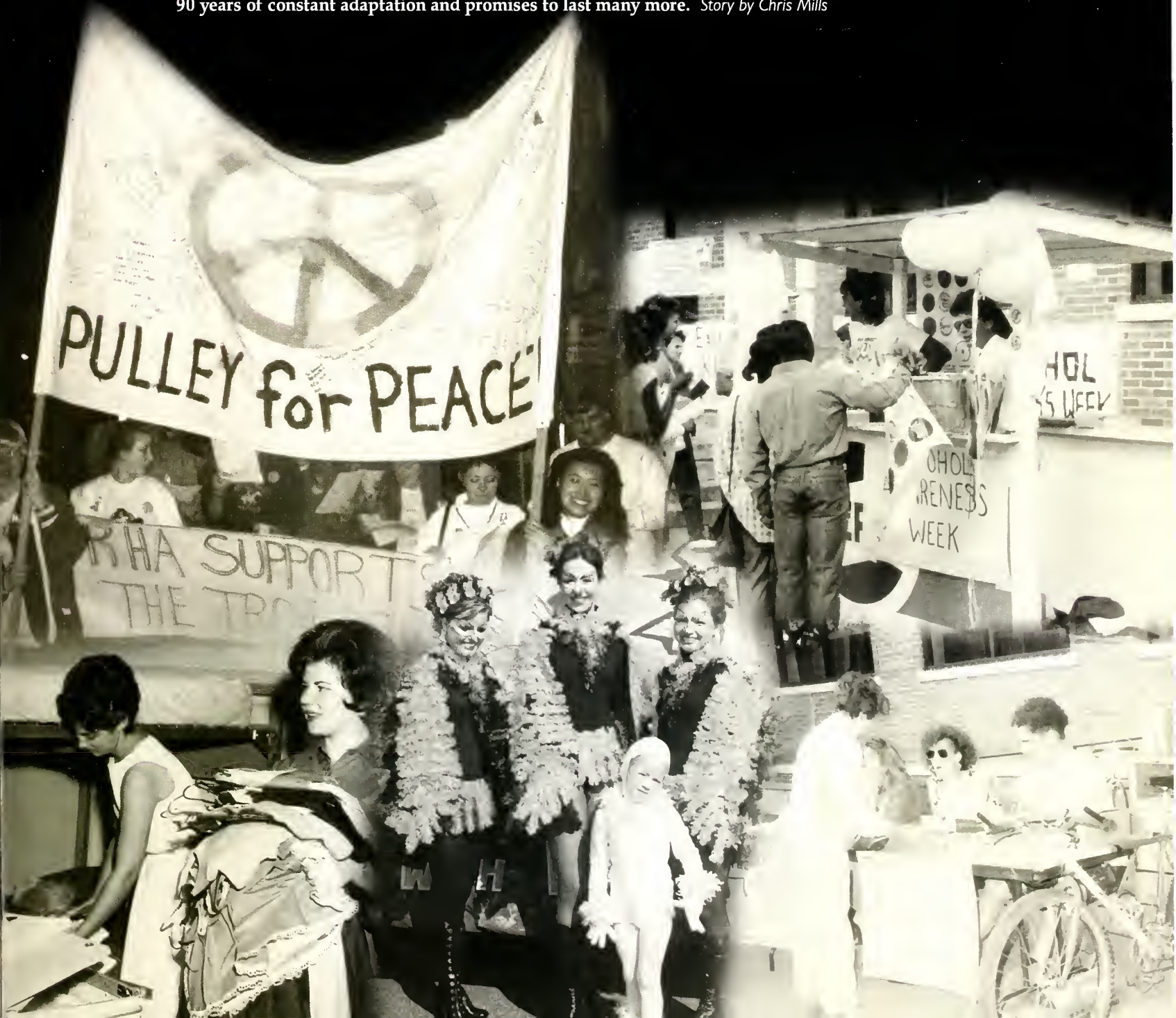
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It has been almost a century since Southern Miss was established. Since then, many things have changed in the culture of America at large, and this is reflected in the changes seen in student life. The lives of students at the Southern Teachers College were under constant surveillance and pseudo-parental restrictions. The feeling of independence that is present now is a very different feeling from the days in which girls were not allowed to leave campus with a male other than their father or brother and the days when a strict dress code was enforced for members of either sex. The campus has transformed from an extension of a student's family life to an extension of a student's future as an adult whose judgment is respected and is required to meet their own individual needs. This is not to say that faculty and administrators no longer care for students, but they now understand that self-discipline is as important to a student's future as any educational program.



STUDENT LIFE

Student life has changed in a multitude of ways. New campuses have been acquired such as the Gulf Park campus on the coast in 1972. As these expansions and additions were made to the campus, jobs for students also changed. Campus jobs have gone from stump grinding to Starbucks and are now available for students in industries ranging from food service to research. This is yet another aspect that reflects the overall growth of the student body and the university. New facilities have been added, and are being added constantly. The new student union which is approaching completion this year is a current example of a new facility that will not only add entertainment to student's lives, but also employment opportunities. Student life at Southern Miss is an ever-changing entity that has survived over 90 years of constant adaptation and promises to last many more. *Story by Chris Mills*





Before they begin to paint the Eagle Walk, the freshmen show their Southern M spirit by learning a few cheers. GEWW serves as time for new students to get acquainted with not only the campus but also with the school's traditions.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Plunging into her team's bucket, Tessa Eubanks gets ready to paint the Eagle Walk. Every year, incoming freshmen have a contest to see which team can paint their section of the Eagle Walk the fastest.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Gripping her support ropes tightly, Portia Collins looks down as she prepares for her landing on the trampoline. Students were given the opportunity to participate in various activities like the trampoline, rock-climbing, bull-riding and sumo-wrestling during the Golden Eagle Welcome Week. *Photo by Matikia Wilson*



OLD TRADITIONS & NEW ADDITIONS

golden eagle welcome week

Golden Eagle Welcome Week is The University of Southern Mississippi's way to make sure that incoming freshmen feel at home. Freshman year in college can be a scary time for students. Southern Miss makes it a priority to ensure that incoming freshmen adjust to college life with as much ease as possible.

Welcome Week started off this year with an opening convocation featuring two speakers from the popular MTV series "The Real World." After the opening convocation, new students were divided into groups led by a mixture of Southern Style and GEWW Crew members. The groups were named after different seasons of "The Real World."

This year Welcome Week activities included recreational sports and community service projects as well as the annual painting of the Eagle Walk, the return of the hypnotist show, and a Fall Fest Luau. There was no shortage of activities for the new students.

"There are many things to do to make sure we are not just sitting in our rooms doing nothing, and I love that," Breonna Ponder of Laurel, Miss. said.

The freshmen also participated in a discussion of their required summer reading, "Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America," by Barbara Ehrenreich. Various faculty and staff members took part in the discussion.

The University Activities Council contributed to Golden Eagle Welcome Week this year with a new activity called Eagles After Hours. Freshmen had the opportunity to participate in activities including singing karaoke, watching movies, and playing pool.

Kenya Adams of Greenwood, Miss. said, "I love to sing and be seen, so Eagles After Hours is the activity that I liked the most."

The week commenced with Friday Night at the Fountain where the newest additions to the Southern Miss family showed off the cheers that they learned throughout Welcome Week.

Shasta Husband of Laurel, Miss. said, "I was afraid that I wasn't going to meet anybody but I met so many new friends, especially through Golden Eagle Welcome Week activities. You no longer have to view your freshman year as the scariest year of your life. You can now view it as the best year of your life." *Story by Olenchia Woodley*



After the champions have been announced, the Eagle Walk painting gear is retired. The clean-up can be a messy job, but it is well worth the trouble! *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*



Golden Eagle Welcome Week was filled with games, spirit and celebrities. Coral and Landon from MTV's The Real World series spoke to the freshman class about different aspects of college life. Throughout the week, the welcome leaders, or GEWW crew, jumped at any chance to join in the festivities, which included a hypnotist.



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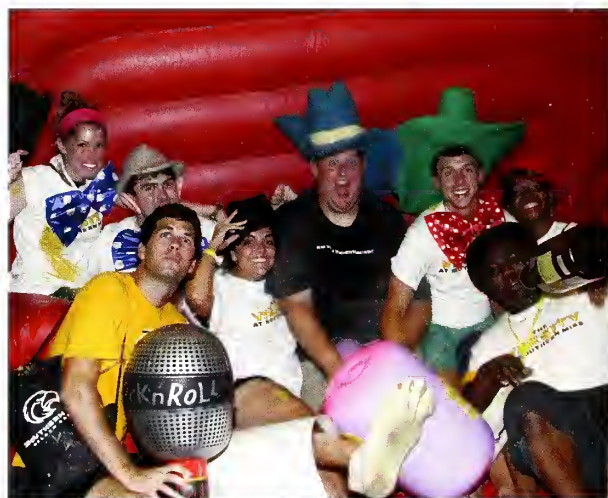


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WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD

an introduction to college life

On Sunday, August 21, 2005, The University of Southern Mississippi campus came alive as new students filled the parking lots and moved into their dorms in preparation for Golden Eagle Welcome Week.

Wynde Fitts, Director of First Year Experience, said, "This week is for students to build relationships and make a connection with the university. The more comfort students have, the more likely they are to be successful, the more likely they are to interact with their peers, and the more likely they are to be Southern Miss graduates, which is what we want."

The theme for the week was "Welcome to the Real World," and it began with the opening convocation featuring two speakers from the popular MTV series, "The Real World." New students gathered in Bennett Auditorium to hear a motivational speech from "Real World" stars Landon and Coral.

Landon started off the program with hopes of motivating the freshmen to have a successful first year, but the program took an unexpected turn when Coral came on stage. She talked more about controversial issues than motivational issues, and she was dressed very provocatively. Members of the GEWW Crew ushered Coral off of the stage and led the crowd in Southern Miss cheers.

"I found it really ironic that the theme for the week was "The Real World" and yet the directors of the week readily attempted to censor our motivational speech as if we were too young," Christy Dyess, a freshman from Hattiesburg, said.

Fitts said, "We learned from them that the "real world" isn't about people on TV; it's about the real situation and people right here. We can learn more from each other than we can from any reality TV star.

"All in all, the week was successful and was truly like an introduction to the real world. Unexpected things happen, and challenges present themselves, but ultimately, it is how we deal with these things that leads to our success." *Story by Rossie Ahua*



photo by Matikia Wilson



Fortunately, most of the buildings on campus suffered little structural damage from the storm. Small repairs to windows and roofs was necessary, but most of the damage on campus was from fallen trees and powerlines. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*



Lake Byron used to be surrounded by beautiful trees until Hurricane Katrina blew most of them down leaving the landscape of Hattiesburg almost unrecognizable in a matter of hours.
Photo by Matikia Wilson



Cleanup efforts on campus began soon after the storm, hoping to allow students to return to campus and resume the semester that had only been underway for two days. Amazingly, students were allowed to return to campus just two weeks following the storm.
Photo by Matikia Wilson



The storm broke power lines all over the city, leaving many without power for at least 10 days. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

A ROUGH START

the aftermath of hurricane katrina

Everyone at The University of Southern Mississippi is familiar with Hurricane Katrina, whether it made a personal or impersonal impact. Three students who reside on campus and remained on campus during the storm shared their experiences of the two week period following the hurricane.

Joshua Green, a freshman and former resident of Hickman Hall, said that he feels the storm was detrimental to his college experience. The week before the evacuation was Golden Eagle Welcome Week, and freshman orientation spirits were dampened by the thought of escaping the hurricane.

"I was amazed at the damage on campus," Green said. "I think everyone was."

The most severe damage Green saw was a part of Reed Green Coliseum's roof wrapped around a tree near Hickman Hall. He also recalls that almost every stoplight on Hardy Street was broken or torn down, and the buildings lining the street were severely damaged.

The students who remained on campus resided in Hickman Hall and mostly ate ham and cheese sandwiches due to the lack of power on campus.

Hannah Dupuis, a resident of Mississippi Hall from Baton Rouge, La. said that at first the females were located in Mississippi Hall until

the fire alarms sounded due to the storm. After that, all remaining residents were moved to Hickman.

"I met some new friends," Dupuis said. "I'll never forget my hurricane buddies."

Dupuis did not suffer any direct damage from the storm but was not able to return home due to the highway blockage. She remembers seeing a tree located in front of the stadium that fell and crushed two cars.

Jessica Buckelew, a Resident Assistant in Mississippi Hall, helped to keep the head counts during the storm. All Resident Assistants were required to remain on campus.

"It made us help out each other. We understand that some people have it worse, and that we should give more," Buckelew said.

Buckelew recalls seeing fallen trees cover Highway 49 and 4th street. She watched as the transformers carved a path for commuters.

Rebuilding is a daily process for our university, and as each day passes the campus returns back to normal.

"The Eagle spirit cannot be stopped; not even by a hurricane" Buckelew said.

As we strive forward, support and giving helps our campus become as beautiful as it was. *Story by Lauren McGowan*



In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, an angel statue from St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach still stands. People of all ages volunteered to help in the relief efforts on the Gulf Coast. *Photo Submitted by St. Thomas Catholic Church*



Knowing the construction crews are busy at work, this Katrina victim takes it upon himself to make a door for his home. This was not an unusual sight on the Gulf Coast, where thousands of victims had to fend for themselves. *Photo Submitted by St. Thomas Catholic Church*



The worst devastation experienced by the victims of the Gulf Coast was the loss of everything they owned. Items were distributed to many hurricane victims. *Photo Submitted by St. Thomas Catholic Church*

EAGLES^{TO} THE RESCUE

student relief efforts on the coast

In response to the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, St. Thomas Church set up hurricane relief efforts targeting specific needs in both Hattiesburg and on the coast.

St. Thomas began these efforts with water and food drives for local residents. These drives eventually expanded to other products being acquired by the church and donated through distribution centers located at the church in Hattiesburg and at many affiliated churches on the coast.

"When tragedy strikes, religious based organizations must rise to the occasion," Father Tommy Conway, the priest at St. Thomas Church, said. "It is important for believers to reach out to one another, especially in times of need."

Jill Rutherford, a volunteer at the church, said, "I do not know of a faith that is not called to help others."

Rutherford is a senior at Southern Miss this year and offered her services by talking with people who were trapped in the path of the deadly storm. Rutherford, a Bay St. Louis resident, was also on the coast during the storm and cited her experience as a way to relate to the people she is helping.

Mark Johnson, a volunteer and resident of Gulf Port, Miss., said "When church organizations become involved I think it helps others focus on the good instead of the destruction."

Father Tommy said, "The hurricane brought out the worst in a few, but the very best in most."

He accredits the hurricane and the aftermath of the storm with making people more patient and thankful of the little conveniences they enjoy everyday.

"I hope that in the future faith based organizations can become more involved with the rebuilding of homes on the coast as well as in New Orleans," Father Tommy said.

St. Thomas Catholic Church, as well as many other churches of other religions around the area have banded together to dispel the traumatic effects and aftermath of the deadly Hurricane Katrina.

Story by Chris Mills



Volunteers worked day and night distributing clothes, bedding and other household

BEFORE THE GAME

tailgating in the district

Tailgating is a big part of Southern Miss tradition. Tailgating takes place all over campus on game day, but it has become very popular for many people to tailgate in The District.

"I think tailgating in The District is a great asset to student life in the fall semester," John Burks, assistant dean of students for Greek Life said.

The District is located in the front of the school, and on any other day it is just a grassy field. Many students and alumni come together during the day of the game to eat, meet, and greet. The District has become a meeting ground for tailgaters over the years. Children running, the smell of barbeque, and the chatter of people are not uncommon sights and scents when you enter the district.

Brandi Ferrer, a sophomore international business major said, "Tailgating is a great experience to enjoy while on the Southern Miss campus because it unites all organizations. Everyone comes together at The District to get excited about the football game."

During the night before the game and the day of the game, it is an oasis of different people eating, drinking, and mingling. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, and ice cream are just a few things that are served at The District during tailgating.

When The District was originally set up, it was not made to be tailgating central. As time progressed, so did the social status of The District. Once the word was out that The District was a great place to tailgate, people flocked from miles around to tailgate at this special place. Thus, tradition was born. *Story by Olenitha Woodley*

Displaying his school spirit, a Dirty Bird member arrives to the District decked out in black and gold. Rain or shine, Southern Miss football fans faithfully attended every game to support the Golden Eagles. *Photo by Chris Payne*





As The Pride of Mississippi marching band fills the streets of campus with the Southern Miss fight song, the Dixie Darlings march onward toward The Rock. Two hours before kickoff, the Dixie Darlings, cheerleaders, band and football players parade through the Eagle Walk to the stadium. *Photo by Tonyo Jenkins*



As the scent of barbeque fills the air, John Allen Dwire of SAE fraternity helps himself to a hot dog. Members of various organizations often set up tents in The District where they enjoy food and hanging out before the game. *Photo by Chris Poyne*

PARTY AT THE FOUNTAIN

friday nights before saturday's game

Another long-standing tradition here at Southern Miss is Friday Night at the Fountain, which is an event held the Friday night before each home game in front of the Aubrey K. Lucas Administration Building. The event consists of a live musical performance followed by a pep-rally for the football team. Many students find this to be the most appealing event. The structure is relaxed and provides a great atmosphere to meet new students as well as show pride in their university.

Sarah Davis, a student leader who helped organize the event this year, said, "Friday night at the fountain is a very unique experience that offers entertainment and an opportunity to show support for our Golden Eagles to both the university community and the greater Hattiesburg community,"

Friday Night at the Fountain was also supported by Mary Beth Walker, the assistant director of student activities. She said that Friday Night at the Fountain is "a long standing event that had a larger turn out this year then ever."

School spirit and traditions such as Friday Night at the Fountain are directly related in that the traditions of a university foster school spirit.

"School spirit is at the heart of the student experience," Walker said. "I think having positive school spirit really drives a positive student experience, tailgating, homecoming events, Golden Eagle Welcome Week, all of these events promote both school spirit and positive student experiences."

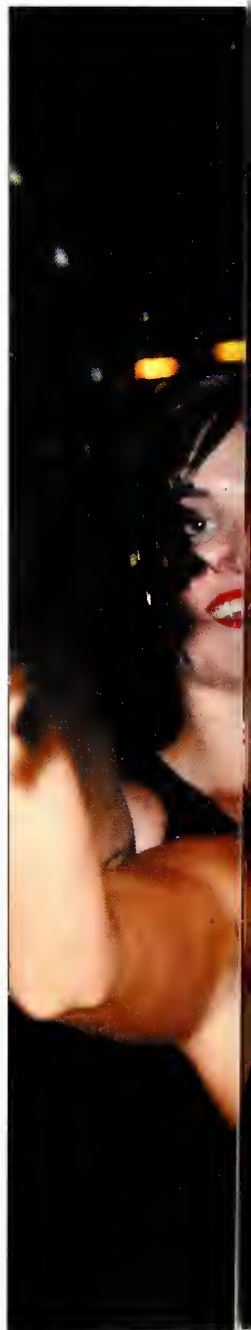
Many long-term traditions have been established at The University of Southern Mississippi, and new traditions are developed each year. By establishing traditions, the university is able to boost school spirit and in turn boost the college experience for students.

Story by Chris Mills



Friday Night at the Fountain often started with some form of entertainment to get students excited about the upcoming performances from The Pride of Mississippi band, dance teams, and cheerleaders. Local bands often took the stage for the pre-show.

Photo by Molly Buchanan





Kicking off Friday Night at the Fountain, the band delivered a rendition of the fight song. The Princeton, Mississippi band played traditional Southern Miss chants at the beginning and end of each pep rally.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher



With energy running through the crowd, a guitarist and vocalist in Bag of Donuts 2002 kicks off Friday Night at the Fountain. Bands such as Bag of Donuts and Napier Plants were featured at pep rallies as entertainment. Photo by Molly Buchanan

Listening for the next beat in the music, senior Jessica Beuteo performs a well-rehearsed dance routine. The Dixie Darlings, Southern Misses and cheerleaders provided live entertainment for students and faculty.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher

KEEPING THE TRADITION

homecoming week review



Leading the student body in the "Hey" song, Lindsay McNair, Shasta Husband and Ashton Tureaud throw up their poms. The cheerleaders pumped up the crowd before Saturday's big game.

Photo by Robin Bolton



Adorned with his new crown, Nathan Parsons, representing Kappa Delta and Delta Tau Delta, enjoys the thrill of victory. The Miss Varsity pageant gave 10 lucky "ladies" a chance to flaunt their good looks and charm.

Photo by Matukia Wilson

In a semester filled with unexpected twists and turns caused by Hurricane Katrina, it was good to know that some Southern Miss traditions remained unchanged. Students, faculty and alumni took their minds off of the damage done by the storm to enjoy Homecoming Week 2005. The theme, "Forever Black and Gold," reflected the university's ability to bounce back after a natural disaster.

The week began with 10 teams stuffing floats in anticipation of winning Saturday's float judging contest. On Tuesday, the official Homecoming Week kickoff attracted many students to Bennett Auditorium to watch the Miss Varsity Womanless Beauty Pageant. Eric Huckabee, representing Phi Mu and Pi Kappa Phi, won third place in the pageant. In second place was Blase Gaude, representing Kappa Sigma, Delta Delta Delta and Student Athletic Boosters. Nathan Parsons, who represented Kappa Delta and Delta Tau Delta, was crowned Miss Varsity in the pageant.

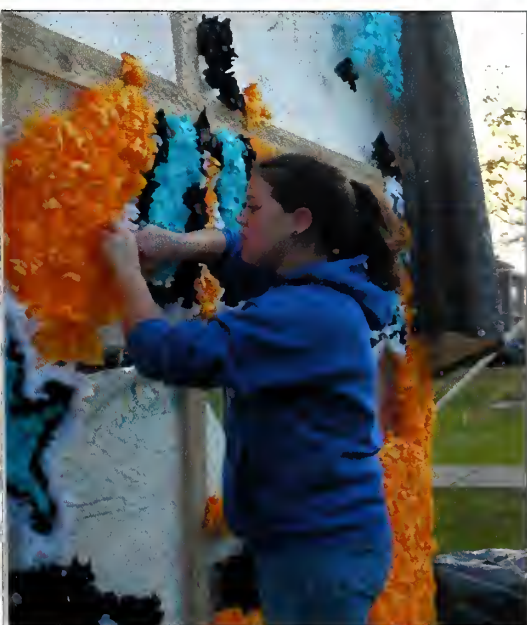
The week continued with the always cold and wet "fountain sit" in Shoemaker Square. Chad King, Stephen Ryan, Tom Sharp and Ryan Adams all shared the winning bracket for this event. Homecoming teams searched the campus for black and gold footballs on Thursday evening. On Friday, the campus celebrated Go Gold Day and jammed out to the sounds of Nappy Roots at Friday Night at the Fountain.

Homecoming Week climaxed on Saturday as students, faculty and alumni enjoyed a full day of activities. The annual Homecoming parade rolled through the campus, complete with The Pride of Mississippi marching band, the Homecoming court, and several organizational floats. After tailgating in The District, thousands of diehard fans packed The Rock to see the Golden Eagles take on the University of Central Florida. The week ended with the Student Government Association's announcement of the overall winners of Homecoming events: Kappa Delta and Delta Tau Delta.

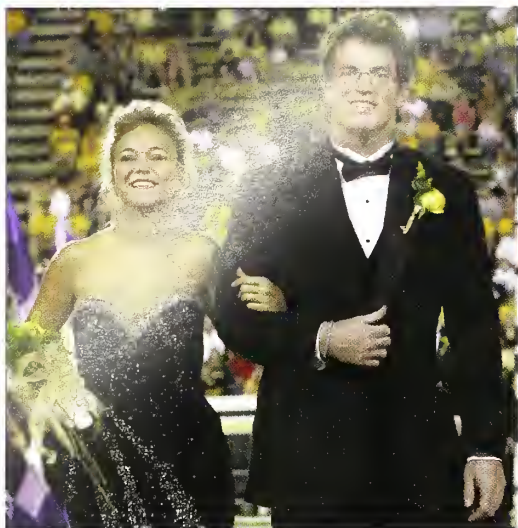
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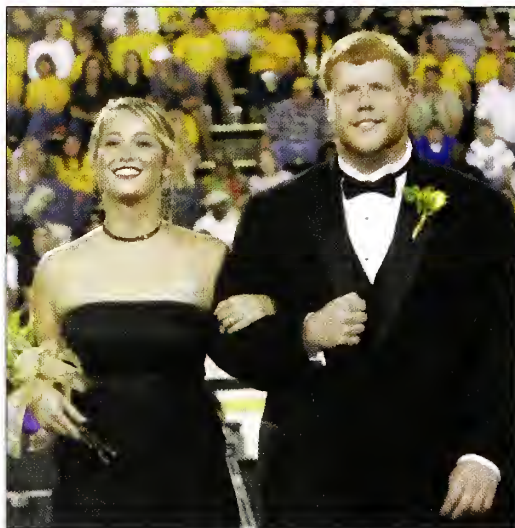
Suited up in their rain gear, Tom Sharpy, Chad King, Ryan Adams and Stephen Fink take the fountain pit to a new level. Their day of sitting in the fountain ended with a wet escapade.
Photo by Tracy Thomas



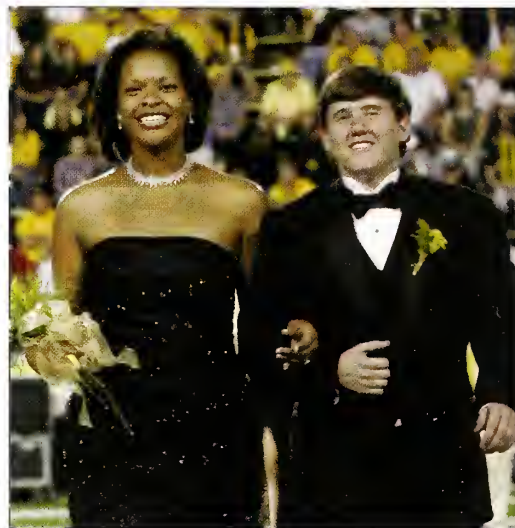
Stuffing tissue paper into chicken wire is no easy task. Leah Gaines of Ocean Springs works on Kappa Alpha Theta's float entitled "Only the Best Wear Black and Gold."
Photo by Tonya Jenkins



Freshman maid, Telia Brewer, escorted by Vince Fabra



Sophomore maid, Roz Richards, escorted by Gray Weinacker



Junior maid, Lyndsey Jalvia, escorted by Gene Gouaux



Homecoming Queen, Erin Lambert, shivers with excitement after being crowned by The University of Southern Mississippi President, Dr. Shelby Thames. 2004 Homecoming Queen, Allison Gouaux, Miss USM, JoAnna Gaston and Student Government Association President, Jonathan Krebs stood by to watch.

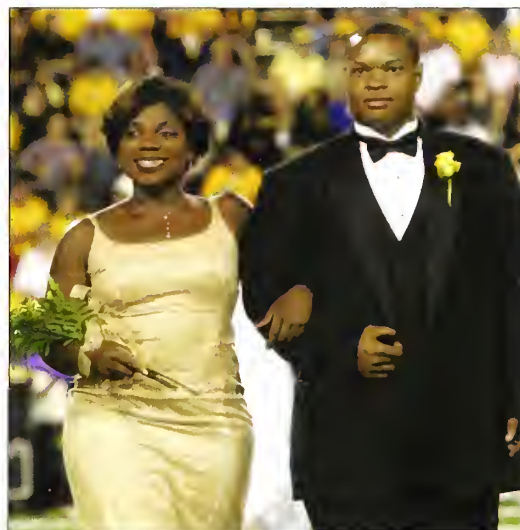
Photos by Jennifer Petcher



Senior maid, Lindsey Castleman, escorted by Ryan Mahoney



Graduate maid, Amanda King, escorted by Charles Arinder



Student Body maid, LaKeisha Bryant, escorted by Cory Horton

PASSING ON THE CROWN

homecoming court

"Excited," "thrilled" and "speechless" were words used to describe the moment that seven ladies found out they were elected by their peers to serve on homecoming court. The court represented their respective classes at the homecoming edition of Friday Night at the Fountain and then at Saturday's annual homecoming parade. Later Saturday evening, thousands of Southern Miss fans watched as Student Government Association officers escorted the court across the field at halftime.

Serving as freshman maid was Telia Brewer. She is a music education major and a native of Vicksburg, Miss. Brewer is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, Freshman Associates, The Legacy and she is Junior Panhellenic Delegate. Vincent Fabra, SGA Executive Director of Student Programming, escorted her during the halftime show.

Roz Richards, a child life major and native of Mobile, Alabama was the sophomore maid. Richards devotes her time to Delta Gamma sorority and her honor society, Lambda Sigma. The SGA Election Commissioner Gray Weinacker walked her down the field.

Next, Lyndsey Jalvia of New Orleans, La. strolled into the spotlight, serving as junior maid. Jalvia, an education of the deaf major, is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Southern Style and is also SGA Vice President. Gene Gouaux, SGA Chief of Staff, was her escort for the evening.

Lindsey Castleman, senior maid, made her way down the field after Jalvia. Castleman is a native of Biloxi, Miss., and is an exercise major. She is involved in Kappa Delta sorority, The Legacy, Greek Seekers and SGA, where she serves on the election committee. Ryan Mahoney, SGA Attorney General, ushered her.

Then, graduate maid Amanda King took the field. King is a resident of Petal, Miss., and recieved her bachelor's degree in business administration. She is working on a master's degree in college student personnel. She is the advisor of Eagle Connection and is the Senior Admissions Counselor in the Office of Admissions. King walked the 50-yard line with SGA Treasurer Charles Arinder.

Escorted by Cory Horton, SGA Executive Director of Student Initiative, LaKeisha Bryant represented the university as the student body maid. Bryant, a native of Brandon, Miss., and an administration of justice major, is part of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Incorporated, and Southern Style.

Finally, Dr. Shelby Thames, president of the universty, crowned Erin Lambert the 2005 Homecoming Queen. Lambert, a speech communication major, is a native of Hattiesburg, Miss. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority, Eagle Connection, Southern Style and Gamma Rho Chi. The SGA President, Jonathan Krebs, escorted her.

Story by Justin Smith



Displaying pride for Pi Kappa Phi and Southern Miss, Jamie McKercher, Stefan Clayton, Robert Ledbetter and Linsey Mingo roll down Hardy Street. Many organizations participated in the homecoming parade by decorating trucks and trailers. *All Photos by Toni Bynum*



Showing their support for Southern Miss, faculty, students and alum showed up to the parade decked out in their favorite black and go gear. The parade began in Roses Grocery parking lot, traveled down Hardy Street, and came to an end in front of Bond Hall on campus.

SPREADING THE SPIRIT

homecoming day parade

Here at The University of Southern Mississippi, people knew exactly how to end a great week with a bang! The crowd of Southern Miss fans watched and cheered on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, as The Pride of Mississippi marching band led Southern Miss' annual homecoming parade.

Southern Miss has some very faithful alumni that always enjoy coming back for the homecoming celebrations.

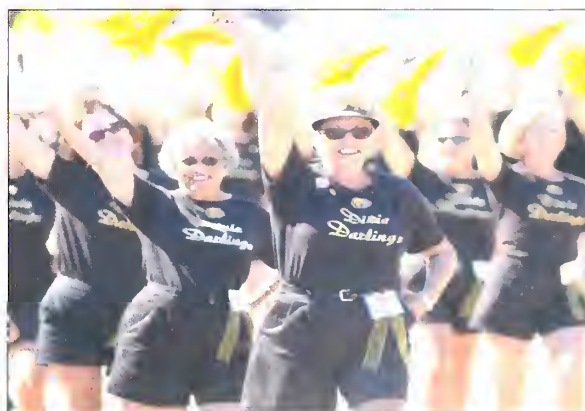
"It was great to see all of the student and alumni support at this year's parade." Chris Walker a senior accounting major said.

The enthusiasm of the organizations and clubs really shone through as they threw their almost unlimited supply of candy and other goodies into the crowd of bystanders. Seymour, the beloved mascot at Southern Miss, did an awesome job of encouraging the crowd and participants of the parade to get involved in the team spirit that dominated the air. The Southern Miss cheerleaders were there to raise team spirit, as well. The shouts of "Southern Miss!" were followed by a resounding "To the top!" all around the city of Hattiesburg that day.

Mike Mitchell, assistant dean of students and coordinator of this year's parade said "The parade is always one of the most exciting events of the homecoming celebration and this year lived up to that level of excitement." *Story by Tabitha Williams*



Dressed in their homecoming attire, Lyndsey Jalvia and Gene Gouaux ride down Hardy Street during the parade. Lyndsey, a New Orleans native, served as junior maid on the court.

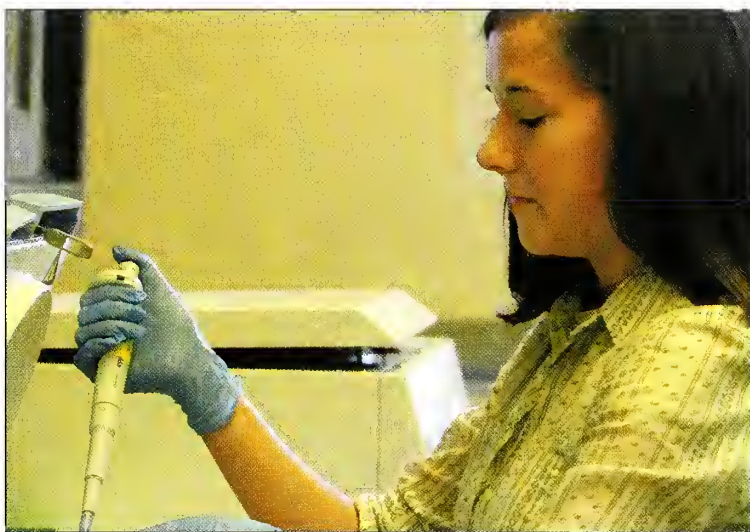


Proving that time has had no effect on their skill, Dixie Darling alums join the present team. Many alumni were present at the university for the homecoming parade and for the football game.

HARD AT WORK



Jason Neel, Michael Scheetz and Eric Boyer keep a close eye on the evening swimmers in the Natatorium. "I thought lifeguarding would be an uneventful job where I would just sit around. But I actually have to go in after two to three people per week," Neel said.
Photo by Robin Bolton



Leslie Gaddis, a sophomore biological sciences major, steadies her hand as she injects a sample into a petri dish. "Working in Dr. Elasri's microbiology lab has allowed me to gain further insight into possible careers for my future while earning some extra spending money," Gaddis said.
Photo by Robin Bolton



As students rush in for their morning dose of Starbucks' coffee, Denisha Simmons mixes together the ingredients of a caramel frappuccino. "Working here is cool because I'm constantly meeting new people; it's been a great experience," Simmons said.
Photo by Bort Lombright

juggling jobs and school

To many, Southern Miss is more than just a school or a campus; it is also home. The feeling of community that the university possesses is undoubtedly one of the primary aspects that alumni remember and students enjoy. Any community is comprised of different institutions, and out of all of them, employment is often the most important in maintaining the community's livelihood. The Southern Miss community is no exception to this rule. Many employment opportunities exist on campus and cover a range of fields, from lab-oriented employment to service industry jobs in any one of the numerous corporate fixtures on campus. Many students, some of them hundreds of miles from home, turn to on-campus jobs in order to complement financial aid, or to simply maintain some spending money.

The benefits of on-campus employment obviously include increased financial stability. Linda Nguyen, who is an employee of Aramark, Southern Miss' food service company said that the jobs allow students to get to know other people on campus, including faculty and peers. In addition to the sensible wages, Nguyen said that flexible hours are very important to active students who may have multiple commitments to different clubs and organizations.

Also available at Southern Miss are internships and positions as lab assistants that give students the ability to experience situations commonly seen in research and laboratory-based fields of employment. Sarah Ali, a freshman, said that her lab assistantship in the polymer science department has given her a more personal view into the actual work.

The university offers many more jobs than those discussed here. Employment opportunities exist almost everywhere you look on campus. As can be seen, employment not only helps the students but the university as a whole. Southern Miss shows its pride in being an almost self-contained society while providing students with new experiences and important life skills. *Story by Chris Mills*



Keeping an eye on her total body toning class, Beth Scanlan keeps spirits and heart rates high. "Being a trainer is fun and exciting because I get to meet different people," Scanlan said.

Photo by Bart Lambright

A JOB THAT NEVER SLEEPS

on-campus security



Walking back from a night class can be a scary experience for a college student. Fortunately, the University Police Department has strategically placed emergency call boxes around campus. At the touch of a button, a policeman can arrive quickly in an emergency. Also, every dorm is now accessed by student ID card only. This ensures that the dorms remain a safe haven from any intruders.

All photos by Chris Payne

A late night walk down Golden Eagle Avenue to visit the library is not dark anymore thanks to more lighting. A larger sidewalk has made a noon bike ride along Montague Boulevard less congested. These changes are just a few of the many ways campus security is improving at Southern Miss.

"The new sidewalk and bicycle pedestrian program not only is enhancing how you can travel around campus, it is also safer. The wider sidewalks can handle more bicycles and pedestrians at one time," University Police Chief Bob Hopkins said.

He said safety and feeling safe are big issues when parents and students make choices about which school to attend.

"Parents are real concerned about how safe their kids are when they come to school. We think the low crime rate and other things are a positive reinforcement in sending their kids here," Chief Hopkins said.

He attributes the low crime rates and the sense of feeling safe on campus to the department's high proactive programs. The department has an officer escort service available 24 hours a day and seven days a week for students who need assistance on campus. The campus is also equipped with 24 Code Blue phone stations. With the push of the button, officers will respond to any emergency that occurs.

Some of the newest advancements in technology allow the 9-1-1 emergency center to track where a call is coming from on campus whether it is a campus extension or a cell phone. The global positioning system (GPS) compatible emergency call center can map a person's exact location. This helps emergency workers response time to be faster because they know where to go.

Other programs the University Police Department offers include risk management training, free self-defense classes and a crime stoppers hotline. It has all the services a municipal or county department would have.

Alex Cooley, a freshman marketing major from New Orleans, La. said he feels very safe being on campus due to the constant presence of officers.



Patrolling campus, Officer Lee Ducksworth takes a moment out of his busy schedule to talk with senior biology major, Sara Fleming. The campus police not only protect students but also take time to listen to their concerns.

Cooley said, "They are doing a great job. They make sure everything is secure. They are constantly strolling around to make sure your car and everyone are safe."

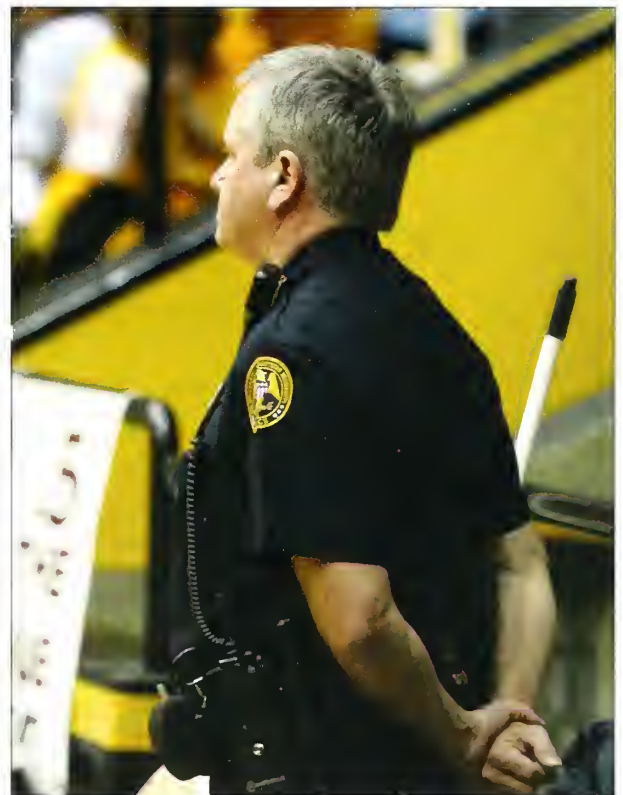
Kim Sanders, a senior information systems technology major from Brookhaven, Miss., also thinks the university police deserve two thumbs up for keeping the campus environment safe. Sanders, a resident of Scott Hall, does not feel threatened when she walks across campus at night because of increased lighting and a stronger police presence.

Stephen Porter, a freshman advertising major from Hurley, Miss., is comfortable with the current security level. However, he would like to see better lighting in the parking lots around campus.

It is concerns like this one that Chief Hopkins wants to know about as he and his department try to make the Southern Miss community an even safer environment.

Chief Hopkins said, "We always want to make sure we are staying ahead of the curve. We always want to be proactive. The University Police Department is keeping up with the needs of the university."

Story by Justin Smith



Scanning the crowd for any signs of disruption, Lt. Stan Kitrell stays attentive on the sidelines at the women's basketball game. Aside from their other everyday duties, the campus police also attend Southern Miss sporting events to ensure the safety of those attending.

GROUPS TO JOIN

Ace of Base: I Did See the Sign!
Pizza Roll Dancers
Aicha In My Life
Facebook is Killing My GPA
Step by Step....Ooh Baby!
I'm Not Friends With You in Real Life, But You Want to Be Friends on Facebook? Ok!
I Secretly Want To Run Over People Who Walk in Front of My Car on Campus
My Sorority Makes Me Wear White Stockings
Michael Jackson- One Scary Alien!
A Little Part of Me Died Inside When Friends Went Off the Air
I'm Not Handicapped...But I Still Push the Little Wheelchair Buttons on the Doors!
I am on Facebook Instead of Doing Something Productive!
NASCAR: Not Just for Rednecks
Thanks to Hardy St. Traffic, I'll Be Bald By the Time I Graduate!
I Believe You Have My Stapler
Frogs Are the Bomb Dot Com
I Name My Cars
Future Stepford Wives of America
I Am Not Too Old for Prank Calling
Really...I Don't Mind the Walk From My Parking Spot...NOT!
Get Your Own Tots! Idiot!
The Really, Really, Really, Ridiculously Good Looking Person Club



Performing their daily Facebook check, Jerry McCoy and Erin Moses answer messages and scan their walls for any new posts. The Facebook served as a break from the normal computer tasks or schoolwork in the library. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

THE NEW ADDICTION

The Facebook takes over campus

First, there was Collgeclub.com, then hi5.com and now Facebook.com. Facebook has become the newest Internet tool for keeping the college community connected, informed and entertained.

Created by Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard University graduate student, Facebook has over 3.4 million users. At Southern Miss, hundreds of students log on to view profiles of other students, look at various pictures, create groups and find out what is happening on campus.

Christopher Blake, a junior information technology and philosophy major from Smithdale, Miss., is one of those students mesmerized by Facebook.

"I love Facebook because it provides a fun interface for students and past students of our old institutes of learning to come together to form a type of reunion. It combines an email server with a sort of blog format to create a site where students can communicate in a fun and interactive scenery," Blake said.

Blake is a member of nearly 30 groups on Facebook such as "The Ridiculously Good Looking People Club" and "Fans of Boy Meets World". He also created his own group called "Gotta Stay Fly." He said he created the group to give students of the same interest a place to express their identity.

Abigail Buchanan, a senior nutrition and dietetics major, said Facebook is a good way for her to find friends in her hometown of Kingston, Jamaica, which is several thousand miles from Hattiesburg.

Students are not the only ones who are in on this new Internet trend. Several faculty members cannot resist scrolling through profiles and sharing their latest pictures with everyone.

Mandy Tilley, assistant to the director for the School of Mass Communication and Journalism, said, "I first joined the Facebook because my sister won't stop nagging me about it. Since then, I have realized that it is easier get in touch with someone through it rather the regular e-mails because they check it more often than their regular email."

"Writing on the walls is my favorite part of being a member of Facebook. I know that things we post there is all in good fun, but it is hilarious to see what comeback they have the next morning," Tilley said.

While Tilley is posting messages on her friends' walls, Melissa Carpenter, secretary in the office of student activities, is sending messages to student organizations and wishing her friends happy

birthday. Carpenter said Facebook is a very fun and interesting way to communicate.

Even André Heath, assistant to the dean for strategic initiatives for the College of Science and Technology, is hooked on checking and updating his Facebook account regularly.

"I wanted to see what all of the hoopla was about. But after discovering the networking potential of Facebook, I was convinced of it usefulness," Heath said.

He thinks the website is a great communication tool, and is unique because it can cater to everyone.

"There's something for everyone, literally. Some of the things I have seen on Facebook that make me laugh are the profile pictures and the customized photo albums. There are people that only take pictures so that they can be placed on Facebook," Heath said.

However, both students and faculty confess there is a downside to Facebook. It is addictive. Some users think Facebook.com is here to stay. Others believe this Website is only a fad, and will fade out. Only time will tell whether this book will stay open or slam shut.

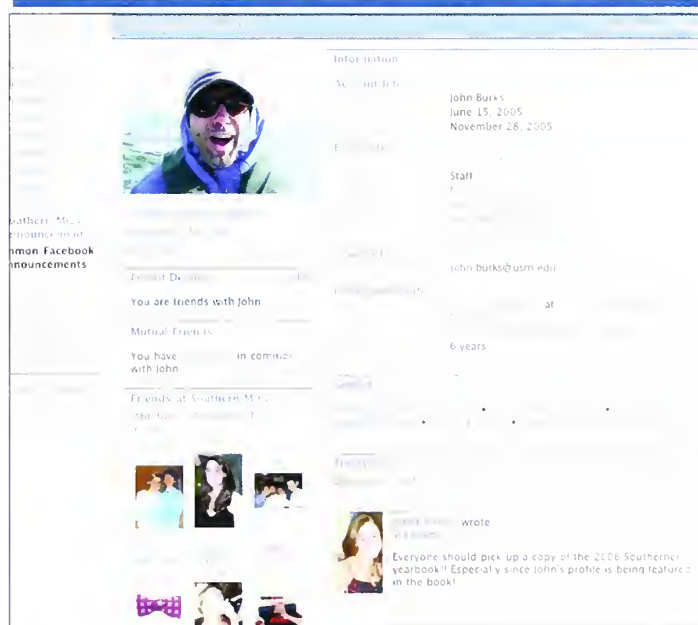
Story by Justin Smith

FACULTY PROFILES TO SEE

Larry Eustachy
Wynde Fitts
Amanda King

Nate Loenser
Mike Mitchell
Stacey Ready

Erin Rust
Valencia Walls
Mary Beth Walker



John Burks is just one of many Southern Miss faculty members who have put their profiles on The Facebook.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Students enjoy night life on campus

"What is there to do in Hattiesburg?" is often a question asked by prospective students. Anyone who attends The University of Southern Mississippi could quickly respond that you don't have to look very far. In fact, there are a variety of activities and entertainment set up right here on campus. Student organizations are always hard at work planning exciting events that are both conveniently located and free to the student body. Many students take advantage of this opportunity to kick back and relax with their friends.

The Hub City Homegrown Concert Series was a new addition to campus nightlife this year. Put together by the University Activities Council (UAC), this monthly concert featured the musical acts of local bands. Among these bands were The Squirms, This Orange Four, Zarathustra, Chance Fisher, Original Cast and Griffenz.

The UAC also invited comedian Gary Owen to perform pieces from his comedy routines for students in Bennett Auditorium on Nov. 16. His punchlines and crazy antics had the crowd roaring with laughter. Another event that the UAC organized was Casino Night. For about four hours, students were able to walk over to the Union and try their luck at games such as Blackjack and Poker. Casino Night also featured a D.J.

Eagles After Hours, another UAC hosted event, has become a Southern Miss tradition, often taking place after Friday Night at the Fountain. Students gather in the Union to enjoy a night filled with Xbox tournaments, billiards, Thinkfast (a pop culture trivia game) and food served by the Southern Miss dining services. This late-night fun fest usually lasts until about midnight.

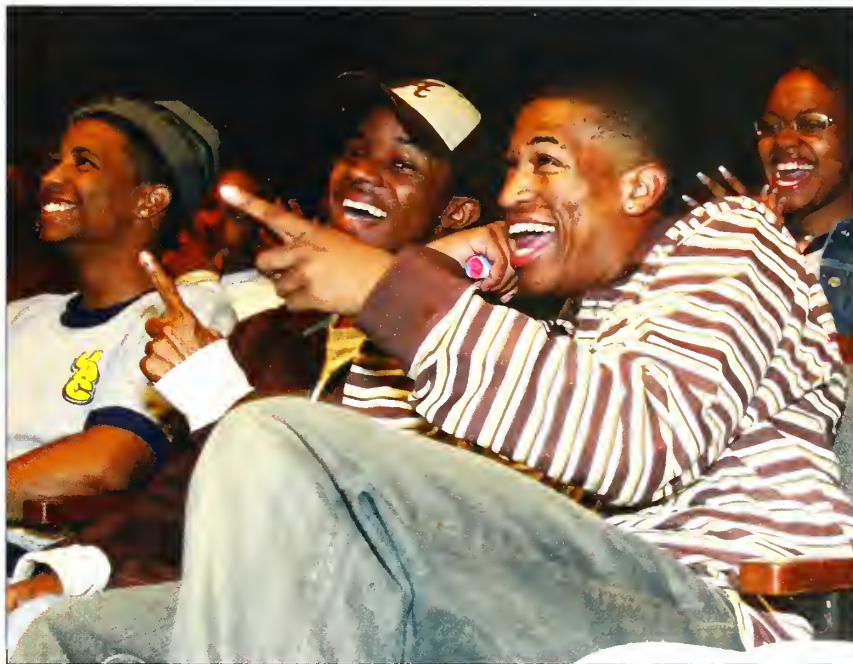
After spending a semester at Southern Miss, it becomes clear that one of the fastest-growing trends in nighttime entertainment is to bring the action straight to the students. Without stepping foot off campus, students are able to find a million things to do to unwind after a long day at school. With the number and variety of these activities increasing yearly, on-campus entertainment shows signs of a bright future. *Story by Lauren McDougald*



Filling the Commons with the sounds of rock-n-roll, Will Poynder performs one of his band's numbers. The Squirms was one of the many bands featured in the monthly Hub City Homegrown Concert Series. *Photo by Matikia Wilson*



As comedian Gary Owen delivers the punch line, the crowd roars with laughter. The University Activities Council invited Owen to perform a stand-up comedy concert on Nov. 16, 2005.
Photo by Rossie Ahua



Sophomore Rayshun Hopson kicks back and laughs as comedian Gary Owen performs his routine. Comedians and bands were common appearances on campus to provide students with nighttime entertainment.
Photo by Rossie Ahua



Race to come up with an answer, a group of students test their knowledge against their peers. ThinkFast, a pop culture gameshow, was a new addition to Eagles After Hours.
Photo by Molly Buchanan

Looking out across the sea of Southern Miss students, Chris Carrabba of Dashboard Confessional draws on the energy of the crowd during his performance. Dashboard Confessional took the stage at Eaglepalooza after the pep rally to bring the concert to an end. *Photos by Chris Payne*

Closing her eyes and listening to Dashboard Confessional, senior Stephanie Napier experiences the full effect of the music. Students arrived at Eaglepalooza early to get a front row spot for the concert.



Straining to get a better view, students test the strength of the barriers. Camera flashes and loud screams accompanied Pat Green's entrance to the stage.





A NIGHT DOWNTOWN

second annual eaglepalooza

As the temperature steadily dropped in Hattiesburg, students boarded buses in the freshman quad that took them downtown for one of the biggest events of the year. Eaglepalooza is a multi-band concert organized by Student Government Association that has been put on for the past two years. This year, the main bands featured in the concert were Pat Green and Dashboard Confessional.

The concert took place on a stage that was set up in the downtown area of Hattiesburg, with small booths lining the street selling food and t-shirts. The performance drew large crowds, with the sea of people extending back for blocks.

Pat Green took the stage first, performing some of his greatest hits. As the first chords of his music filled the air, the roar of the crowd became deafening. Students huddled together for warmth as the famous country singer provided entertainment. The crowd joined in singing one of his most famous songs, "Wave on Wave."

Next, the Southern Misses and the cheerleaders took the stage for a pep rally. The cheerleaders led the students in the fight song, then the dancers performed a routine. Finally, Seymour the mascot made an appearance and helped to celebrate Southern Miss spirit.

The concert was concluded with a performance from Dashboard Confessional. The voice of Chris Carrabba, a guitarist and singer in the band, filled the night air as the students danced and sang along. After playing for about an hour, the members of Dashboard Confessional brought the second annual Eaglepalooza to a close.

Story by Lauren McDougald

ALL YOU CAN BE

eagles on the front line



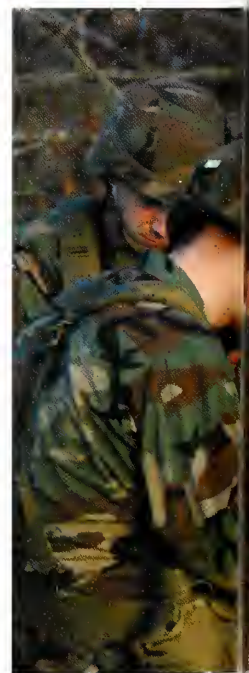
Photo by Bethany Kent

"Stay focused, stay positive, and enjoy life." This is the philosophy of one extraordinary Southern Miss freshman, Jeremiah Malmberg. Malmberg is double majoring in human performance and recreation and military science, and he has many stories to tell.

Having been in the military for four years, stationed at Fort Stewart, GA, and Fort Seal, OK, and spending more time on active duty in Iraq, he returned to civilian life here in Hattiesburg, where he has become very active in university life. Malmberg believes that getting involved is truly "a way to experience college life". Activities such as Greek life, ROTC, and Campus Crusade for Christ fill up Malmberg's time. He says he manages all of these by making good use of his free time. "Maintain the time between classes," is the advice he gives to students who are actively involved on campus. "This time is usually the most productive," says Malmberg.

Jeremiah learned many things from his time in Iraq and defined a soldier as an "everyday person who has a deeper sense of pride in their country". Showing both his civilian objectiveness and soldier pride on the topic of the war in Iraq, Malmberg says, "in the end, we are doing a good thing." This pride in one's country is also often seen through strong family ties, which Malmberg clearly possesses. His most memorable moment from his time in Iraq was when he was able to visit his older brother, who was also serving in Iraq, but who was in another regiment. This sort of selflessness is what sets Jeremiah apart and makes him very representative of the Golden Eagle spirit.

Story by Chris Mills





As the morning sun rises over campus, Paul McInns begins one of many sets of push-ups required of him. While most students are still sleeping, ROTC students are awake completing their weekly physical training, or "PT." *Photo by Tonya Jenkins*



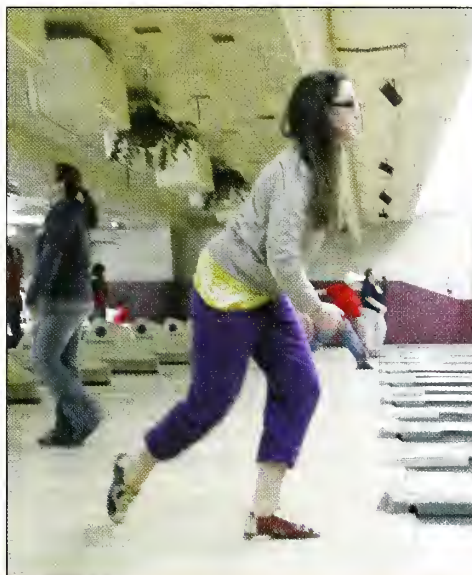
Laying low in the field, troop leaders Fortenberry, Mitzel, Holeman and Reise plan a mission. Activities such as discussing operation plans, completing grueling obstacle courses, and checking equipment are often included in a soldier's daily activities. *Photo by Tonya Jenkins*

Keeping a close eye on the ball, sophomore Leslie Rush steps up to return it over the net. Teams competed in numerous tournaments in hopes of reaching the final round.
Photo by Bart Lambright



Giving the ball some spin, Cody Clark releases it with one smooth motion. Many students choose bowling as an intramural sport because not only do they get the opportunity to compete with other teams, but they can hang out with their friends and enjoy refreshments at the same time.

Photo by Elizabeth Keenan



Sporting his yellow jersey, Jeremy Carroll of the Monstars team proves to be tough competition for The Peoples Champs team. Intramural basketball proved to be non-stop excitement for everyone.
Photo by Eric Wrigley

“I” THE IN TEAM

students try their hand at intramural sports

Here at The University of Southern Mississippi, there is a close second to academics on the list of importance, and that is athletics. Whether it is tailgating in The District or driving countless miles to see the Golden Eagles in action at away games, the allure of athletics has always been prevalent at the university. Intramural and recreational sports are no different.

With 15 different sports offered in the fall semester alone, intramural sports is one of the most popular activities on campus.

“I think this is because intramural sports are open to any student who wants to participate, and it’s free,” Lindsey Inman, the coordinator of intramural sports at Southern Miss, said. “This program gives non-varsity athletes a chance to play sports for fun and gives all students an outlet on campus.”

By allowing all students to play and by offering even some obscure sports, such as “turkey trot”, the intramural sports program at The University of Southern Mississippi allows students to get together and enjoy playing games without the heat of varsity competition. That is not to say there is no competition though. Some of the games, such as fraternity league flag football, become quite heated. These sports also allow players to compete in tournaments and win championships just as a varsity team would.

Their ability to appeal to a larger group of people is the apex of the importance of intramural sports. Varsity sports teams, such as the football and basketball teams, are teams completely geared toward winning games, and so they should be, but this is not the arena for all players. Intramural sports programs allow sports to become games that are primarily played for fun. This takes the pressure out of the game and allows players who just play for fun to become actively involved in a sport of their choice.



Dribbling the ball up the court, Gray Weinacker makes sure to keep the ball out of The Miracles' teammate's reach. The Payne Center's four basketball courts were filled with intramural teams and referees during intramural 3 on 3 basketball.

Photo by Eric Wrigley

One thing that intramural sports do not lack is the pressure of a crowd. Although not every game is a sell-out crowd, the number in attendance is usually substantial.

“The amount of viewers really depends on the sport, the level of the game, and the teams involved,” Inman said. “Of course, larger organizations that have teams bring out a large amount of support. Groups like the Baptist Student Union and many fraternity teams always have a decent crowd.”

As far as the future of the program goes, Inman, a new addition to the staff this year, is very dedicated to her job, and under her leadership, the program will surely grow to become even more beneficial to students.

“It is up to me to make sure that the program continues to be strong and to develop and shape it into an even better program for future students,” Inman said. “We plan to accomplish this by keeping up with the new trends in technology, becoming more user-friendly and adding new events and sports.”

“I would like to see the university host more extramural events,” Inman said. “I anticipate being on the map of recreational sports programs nationally because of all aspects of our program.”

With this dream in mind, Lindsey Inman, along with many others involved in the intramural and recreational sports programs at The University of Southern Mississippi, will carry not only the intramural sports program, but the university as a whole “to the top!”

Story by Chris Mills

Aiming for a gunman, David Brooking, assistant director of office of community service learning, succeeds in his ambush. The new game room features many new interactive video games to entertain students between classes.



Marking the official grand opening of RC's Lounge, Fran Jones, associate director of union programs, cuts the ribbon. The opening of the RC's Lounge and the Locker Room on Nov. 7 drew the attention of both students and faculty, who stopped in to explore the new attractions.



Testing out the new air hockey table, junior LaKeisha Johnson matches her opponent's reflexes. "The new game room is a great improvement from the old set-up," Johnson said.

GAMER'S PARADISE

the new RC's Lounge and The Locker Room



Favorite games such as pool tables, air hockey, tables and video games were all purchased for the new game room. Students use the room to fill the gaps between classes or just to wind down at night. All Photos by Matkia Wilson

On Nov. 8, 2005, a new part of R.C. Cook University Union was unveiled. RC's Lounge and The Locker Room both opened their doors, after months of planning, designing and hard work by many dedicated people.

The Locker Room is a game room with many different arcade games. RC's Lounge, named after Robert Cecil Cook, the former president of The University of Southern Mississippi, is just what it sounds like – a lounge. It is full of comfortable chairs and tables for students to sit and relax or even study. It also has a bar at which students can order refreshments – non-alcoholic, of course! It is complete with a big-screen television and game consoles that students can use to play video games.

"The vision began about one year ago," Barbara Ross, director of university union and programs, said.

The actual construction took six weeks to complete. Fran Jones, assistant director of the university union and programs, subcontracted all of the work on The Locker Room and RC's Lounge to various people, so that the entire project cost the university less than \$36,000.

The furniture for both rooms was bought at discount rates, and throughout the work on the project, students were hired to help design, build and decorate the rooms.

Jones said, "We knew that with the north wing opening, we would need a total renovation; the challenge was, this wasn't funded with that project."

"It (the renovation) was a lot of fun...Matt Evans is our graduate assistant, so he and I worked on developing the concept and then we

used the Union Advisory Board to help work out the details of both the spaces," she said. "It's a space for a lounge area, TV-watching, rental for private parties, you can reserve both spaces...the game room and lounge area are for student organizations."

Cassie Ziegler, a junior interior design major from Biloxi, Miss., played the role of interior designer for RC's Lounge and The Locker Room, helping to decide what colors went where, among plenty of other things that make the rooms look fantastic.

"It was a good first-time experience. It's something I've been working on for awhile," Ziegler said. "It's really great to see what we've worked so hard for, just come to life."

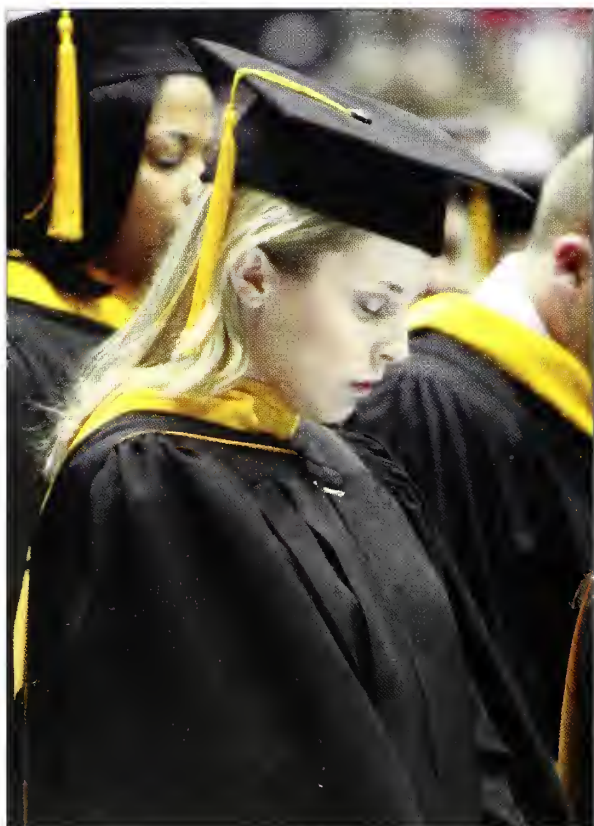
Ziegler also designed the logo above the entrance to The Locker Room, and Janet Payne, a senior graphic design major from Hoover, Ala., designed the logo for RC's Lounge.

Matt Evans, a Biloxi, Miss. native, is the graduate assistant for the University Union. Evans worked on this project from June 2005 until the opening date. He foresaw everything that would need to be done and worked out a plan for the renovation. Evans assisted in the search for decorations, and he even helped to decorate and paint The Locker Room and RC's Lounge. He also worked to find new vendors to put their products in the new spaces.

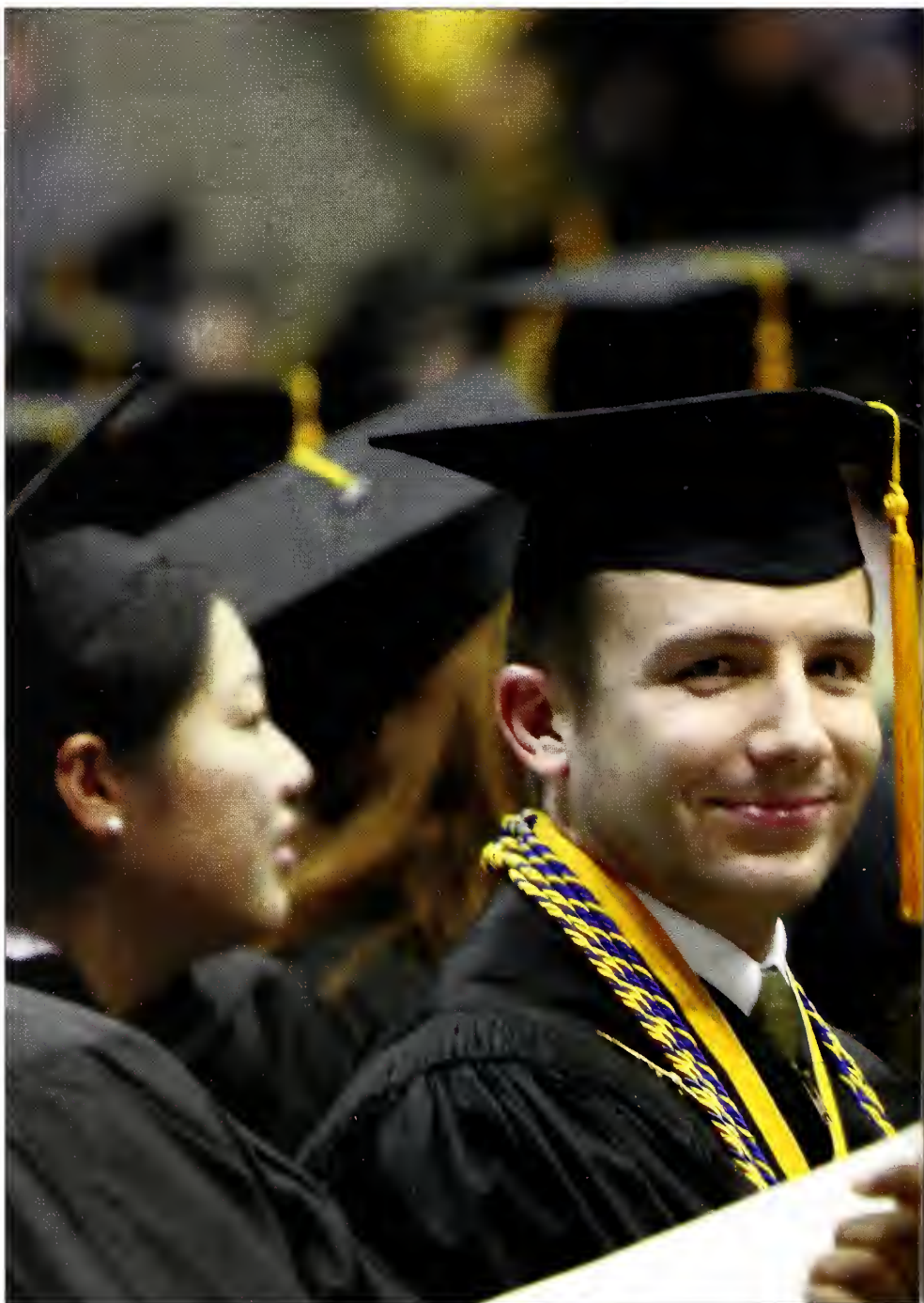
Evans said, "It was a big headache sometimes, but if I could do it all over again, I'd go back and try to find contractors a lot earlier, because it's hard to find an honest contractor. It's still incomplete... Compared to what we used to have, it's a huge step forward, but we still have awhile before it's complete." Story by Natalie Fields



Embracing his daughter, a proud father beams with joy at her achievements. The graduation ceremony was an exciting time for both the graduates and their families.



Bowing their heads in prayer, students remember all the memories they are thankful for. The graduation ceremony was a time to look back on their previous years spent at The University of Southern Mississippi.



A proud graduate glances over at his parents during the ceremony. The anticipation was heavy as the students awaited the portion of the ceremony when they would receive their diplomas.

All photos by Chris Payne



ON OUR OWN NOW

graduates prepare to take on the world



The University of Southern Mississippi acknowledged its Fall 2005 graduates Saturday, Dec. 17, in a bi-annual graduation ceremony held in Reed Green Coliseum.

The ceremony for doctorate, masters and bachelor graduates was presided over by University President Dr. Shelby Thames and University Provost Dr. Jay Grimes. The commencement speaker for this year's fall graduation was Dr. Hank M. Bounds who is active in primary and secondary education in the state as well as on a national level.

"Never underestimate the value of a quality education," Dr. Bounds, said in his address, "I believe that education is a fiber that is strong enough to pull us up and forward as a society."

Dr. Bounds addressed the group of graduates with a message primarily centered on their futures and the benefits of good character and life experiences. Dr. Bounds, who is also a Southern Miss alumnus, said in his speech that adversities such as the recent hurricane do not build character but reveal traits already present. He added that the education offered at Southern Miss is of high quality because of the amazing faculty at the university and quoted one of his former students as saying that to be the best, you have to be taught by the best. In this way Dr. Bounds drew attention to the university's driving force, the professors, and ended his speech by asking the graduates to not just find a job, but to find a passion and calling. "You are the future," Bounds said.

David Sarton, one honors college graduate from the College of Arts and Letters, said that because the ceremony was not practiced the ceremony itself was shaky. David said "The pomp and circumstance feels good."

Jessica Meyer, another graduate in the ceremony, said that it couldn't have been better. She added that she was very pleased with the ceremony and thought the entire event went as planned.

Although some on the floor may have felt that the ceremony looked unrehearsed, the fact still remains that these graduates who worked so hard for this recognition were inducted and commissioned as new members of the growing number of Southern Miss alumni.

Story by Chris Mills



Flashing a huge smile at her screaming supporters in the audience, Laura Guiles proudly wears her new crown after winning the pageant.

Breathing sighs of relief that the big night had come to a close, Amanda Berry, Laura Guiles, Blair Norman and Jennifer Abernathy enjoy a few last moments in the spotlight. The Miss Southern Pageant gave them a chance to show both their beauty, talent and wits to friends and family in attendance.



ONE MOMENT TO SHINE

Miss Southern Pageant

Pretty bright smiles, perfect hairstyles and a beautiful wardrobe containing everything from formal wear to swimsuits are some of the basic necessities of a pageant. The University of Southern Mississippi's involvement in the Miss America Pageant Organization as a Miss Mississippi Preliminary pageant holder provides opportunities for Southern Miss girls to become not only the Miss University of Southern Mississippi title holder, but Miss Mississippi and yes, Miss America.

"The Miss University of Southern Mississippi pageant is a very big honor. The winner represents Southern, and we are very proud of this pageant and its contestants," Beth Guess, the director of this year's Miss University of Southern Mississippi Pageant, said.

Although each contestant was amazingly radiant, Laura Guiles was crowned Miss University of Southern Mississippi 2006-2007 by Joanna Gaston, Miss University of Southern Mississippi 2005-2006. Like some of the other contestants, this was not Guiles first preliminary pageant. She competed in last year's Miss University of Southern Mississippi Pageant.

Guiles said, "The pageant isn't just about winning. This pageant betters you as a person. It promotes the image of strong women who excel in life."

Main events of the pageant included the casual wear, talent, physical fitness and evening gown competitions. Each competition brought out the spirit of the Miss America Pageant- every girl got to live out the dream that many future generations pray will one day become a reality. The four contestants in this year's Miss University of Southern Miss Pageant were Guiles of Petal, Miss., a sophomore

biology major; Jennifer Abernathy of Richland, Miss., a junior vocal music major; Amanda Berry of Raymond, Miss., a senior coaching major and Blair Norman of Clinton, Miss., a sophomore music education major.

The talent competition, usually a favorite of the pageant viewers, was wonderful. Abernathy, talent competition winner, sang an incredible rendition of "Big and Loud" from a famous Disney film.

The entertainment for the night was exciting from the first number sung by Telia Brewer and Gaston with the accompaniment of the pageant's own Miss University of Southern Mississippi dancers. They performed numbers ranging from Tina Turner's "Proud Mary" to "I'm a Woman." The dancers performed a wonderful routine to "A Dress has Always been My Strongest Suite," which turned out to be a real crowd pleaser.

Each contestant walked away with an award showing the areas in which they shined the brightest. The awards provided came with an allotted amount of scholarship money. Berry was awarded the Director's Award, the Spirit Award (voted on by the other contestants) and she was the winner of the Physical Fitness competition. Norman placed as first alternate.

Guiles said, "The Miss University of Southern Mississippi Pageant is a great experience. It's a great way to give back to the community, and I get to work on my body and have fun with the talent. I get the whole package." *Story by Tabitha Williams*



Belting out the song that she had practiced hundreds of times before, Jennifer Abernathy's voice echoed through the rafters in the Performing Arts Center. Abernathy was one of four girls who competed for scholarship money, a trophy, flowers and an official Miss America crown. *All Photos by Chris Payne*

Chosen as the new mayor of Nitchamburg, Assistant Dean of Greek Life John Burks meets and greets the students who came out to the party. John Burks was recognized as this year's mayor during the basketball game.



Serving up some of his southern specialties, alumnus Ron Savell provides hungry students with a free lunch before the game. Hamburgers provided by Mugshots and soft drinks were only a few of the refreshments set out for students, faculty and alumni to munch on at Nitchamburg.

Starting off the afternoon with a guitar pick in hand, Adam Skaggs and Mitch Johnston kicked off the entertainment portion of Nitchamburg. The two members of the Kappa Sigma fraternity perform at a variety of local functions, including Nitchamburg.



GETTING FIRED UP

basketball game



The scent of Maryland-style hamburger cooking on the grill could be detected from blocks away on the afternoon of the game. All Photos by Bart Lambright

A legacy has reemerged in an area near the Reed Green Coliseum. It has its own mayor and zip code. Nitchchamburg or The Nitch is a tailgating area located right next to the coliseum. It is also the only tailgating area of its kind in college basketball.

The original basketball-tailgating event started after Southern Miss won its first NIT (National Invitational Tournament) on March 26, 1987. This is how the tailgating city got its zip code, 32687.

"They did this event right after we won the NIT, but then it lost its flair in the early 90s. We are trying to get a resurgence to get people out there again," John Burks, assistant dean of students for Greek life and current mayor of Nitchchamburg, said.

This event made a comeback during the men's basketball season in 2005. Nearly 250 proud Southern Miss fans ate and socialized in the Nitch before attending the game against the Louisville Cardinals in the "Green House".

"It is really growing. Southern Miss fans are so good at tailgating," Burks said. "This is just a new aspect of it."

During the 2006 kick off of the Nitch, 400 students and alumni listened to live music, enjoyed hamburgers provided by a local business and reminisced about the past. The Golden Eagles took on the number four ranked Memphis Tigers.

Southern Miss Athletics Marketing Director Greg Herring said, "It (Nitchchamburg) was started to create an atmosphere for basketball like we have for football."

Herring said that after the hiring of the new men's basketball coach, Larry Eustachy and the women's basketball coach, Joye Lee McNelis, it was the perfect time to debut basketball tailgating again.

"It allows our fans to talk about basketball again. It adds a social aspect to the game," Herring said. "At football games, there is a good game on the field, but there is also socializing. We are trying to build a social aspect into the game."

Both Herring and Burks said The Nitch is a plus for the Southern Miss basketball program. Each year they have seen an increase in attendance at the tailgating and the game.

Burks said, "If we can get a good rowdy basketball crowd in there[coliseum], it adds a sixth player on the floor. That's what we need."

Herring admits making an event like this succeed takes time and will require various incentives to keep people coming out for every game.

Herring said, "It takes a lot to build a fan base. Every year we will do something different."

Adam "Buck" Buckalew, president of the Interfraternity Council and a participant in the event, said this event is a great time for everyone to conjugate together.

"It is a great opportunity for the student body to combine with alumni to support Southern Miss athletics," Buckalew said.

Burks said, "It's an opportunity for students to be a part of something that is starting to take off. It also gives students something to add to their memory bank while they are here at Southern Miss."

In future years, Herring hopes tailgating in The Nitch will be as popular as the pre-game rituals in The District before a football game.

Herring said, "As the team grows and success becomes a tradition, so will The Nitch."

In the reemerging stages, the athletic department along with other organizations has been a big contributor to the event. Herring said eventually he would like to see this tailgating city become all student body sponsored complete with Nitchchamburg mayor elections.

Story by Justin Smith

The University of Southern Mississippi has come a long way from its humble beginnings as the Mississippi Normal College in 1912. The name of the school was changed to State Teachers College in 1924. However, until 1922, the university was not even authorized to grant baccalaureate degrees. All of the graduates received either a certificate or a diploma based on the length of their study. Two year students were awarded certificates and four year students were awarded diplomas. These awards were not generally as flexible as the degrees current graduates receive, and many times these were simply teaching licenses for a specific course of study.



ARTS & ACADEMICS

When the university was given the authority to award degrees the road to progress began. In 1940, the college became Mississippi Southern College which allowed a more diverse group of degrees to be offered. At the original college, students could study the arts, music and even mathematics and sciences, allowing students to put their degrees to use outside of the teaching profession. After these initial expansions, the college continued to grow and in 1962 became known as The University of Southern Mississippi. Today, Southern Miss consists of five colleges and offers hundreds of degrees which makes students capable of not only teaching the future, but adding to the knowledge of the present as a member of their field. The improvements in academics and the consequential improvement in student development are a testament of the legacy of Southern Miss. *Story by Chris Mills*





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PRESIDENT THAMES

Dear Student Body,

In 1955 I left my rural farm and became a member of the freshman class at Mississippi Southern College. I was excited, nervous and yet anticipated a wonderful education and student life.

I graduated from Southern Miss with a master's degree and entered the doctoral program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. It's true when they say that you appreciate most what you have learned once you have moved away. I found that to be true for me.

Southern Miss has grown and enhanced offerings dramatically since that time, and I am proud to call it my personal alma mater. With confidence I say that Southern Miss is educating a 21st century work force providing intellectual capital, cultural enrichment and innovation to Mississippi and the world.

Some things about me

Here's a little bit more of my story. In 1964 I was hired as assistant professor of chemistry and became a permanent part of the Southern Miss family. After serving in many capacities as faculty member and administrator, on May 1, 2002, I took office as the eighth President of The University of Southern Mississippi. Like the leaders who served before me, I feel a deep sense of ownership and pride in this distinguished University. For me, it's a passion for education, student development and for the people of Mississippi.

Here's a little bit more about how I think. I continually ask myself two questions: How do we move this institution to a higher level, and how can we improve on what we have always done?

A study of college presidents who have been particularly successful found a common characteristic: they are opportunity-conscious—have a sixth sense about opportunities—and are ready to open the door almost before the knock is heard. Absent a strong drive for change, most institutions stay more or less the way they are: stable, competitive at their level, but unlikely to move dramatically without significant and unusual impetus.

My goal as president is to anticipate these opportunities and strengthen and advance Southern Miss through thoughtful and committed use of resources that yield quantifiable and long-term results. And, while moving forward, we are also insuring organizational integrity while maintaining focus on student needs.

Our values: people, innovation and action

An institution must know its values, and Southern Miss must be a living experiment to uncover novel ideas and concepts for continual improvement. At Southern Miss we value the individual. We have the obligation, or better yet, the privilege to be an instrument in the process of unleashing the power of the individual.

We value innovation. It's about working in partnership, crossing boundaries to make it possible to conquer new frontiers. Students thrive in this culture of innovation, working side-by-side with outstanding faculty. And, as an architect of the future, we know that innovation is the currency of the new economy.

We value action at Southern Miss and take pride in being able to turn an idea into an accomplishment. Our success, year after year, has been built upon seeing a need, building a coalition and producing results that are meaningful to our greater Southern Miss community and beyond.

Southern Miss has always been about educating people, about discoveries that advance knowledge, about service that is shared for the benefit of people and their communities. Southern Miss will never be satisfied with the concept of status quo for we have and will always be committed to the individual and his/her well being after graduation. We are, as a university, committed to people, innovation and action.

Our legacy

Legacy is something that has come from a predecessor. During my 41-year tenure at Southern Miss, my colleagues and I have worked at Southern Miss to make it a much better university today than it was when I became a student in 1955. Our legacy of recent years is one of being a change agent, a success agent and an agent that has advanced Southern Miss to new levels. We have been successful and our Southern Miss students and alumni are the benefactors.

What is our collective legacy to be remembered in the years to come? The focus, I hope, will not be only on an athletic team or a building or a class, but rather on the broad foundation of purpose for which we stand. I hope that this, our vision, as a leading university in engaging and empowering individuals to transform lives and communities, becomes our lasting legacy for you.

Best wishes to you during your academic career and beyond in your life. May you reap the fruits offered by this great University and always think of yourself as part of the Southern Miss family.



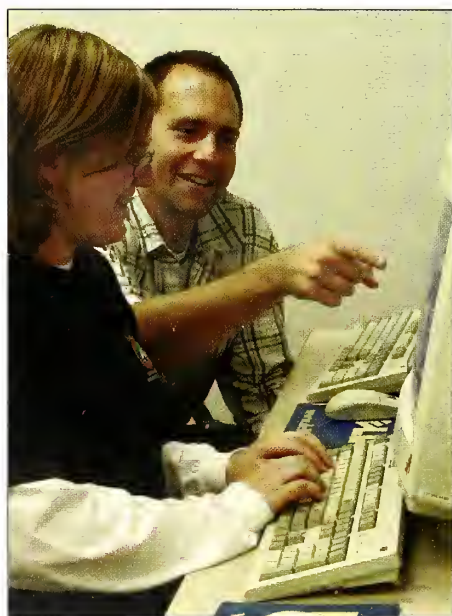
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Liberal Arts Building *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

COLLEGE OF ARTS & LETTERS

liberal arts and fine arts



Eric Flynt, a writing center tutor in the Liberal Arts Building, helps graduate student Kristin Walters write a story for a workshop. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

From the world renowned sounds of The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band, to the award-winning performances of the Southern Miss theatre department, the College of Arts and Letters continues to provide its students with a top-notch education. The college has 11 academic departments: foreign language and literatures, philosophy and religion, history, arts and design, anthropology and sociology, English, political science, international development and international affairs, speech communication and theater and dance. This college also has two schools, the school of mass communication and journalism and the school of music.

In addition to these departments and schools, the College of Arts of Letters houses the center for oral history and cultural heritage, center

for writers and the division of undergraduate studies. Students can also further their education through Air Force ROTC and Army ROTC officer training programs.

A new facility, completed in January of 2005, gave the College of Arts and Letters needed space for its international studies programs. The International Building has five floors and a culturally diverse food court named the Agora.

While the college is busy building onto its services, students within the college are looking forward to their future careers. Kevin Wheeler, sophomore broadcast journalism major from Birmingham, Ala., is very passionate about becoming a television reporter.

"I like writing, and in the media field it is vital to know how to write. I also enjoy learning about how technology is changing the media field," Wheeler said.

Hallye Casey, a freshman from New Orleans, La., is studying political science because she wants to be a lawyer. She said the classes in the College of Arts and Letters are getting her ready for her future.

"I thought that studying political science would best prepare me for that career," Casey said.

According to the dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Dr. Elliot Pood, the college plans to add new degree programs in entertainment industry and religious studies to its extensive list of programs. The College of Arts and Letters will also expand its distance learning programs in the near future. *Story by Justin Smith*



International Building
Photo by Jennifer Petcher

MEET THE DEAN

Dr. Elliot Pood



Photo by Motikio Wilson

Being a special effects explosives specialist is not something on most college deans' list of activities, but this is just one of the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Dr. Elliot Pood's many accomplishments. Dr. Pood began his academic background at West Georgia College, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. He pursued a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Central Florida. He later finished his Doctorate in Organizational Communication at Florida State University. Dr. Pood started his professional career at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro as the director of the Institute for Communication Research and Consulting and the director of the Broadcasting/Cinema Division.

Middle Tennessee State University selected him to be the founding chair of the Department of Radio-Television and Photography. Later at Middle Tennessee, he became the assistant dean and then the interim associate dean of the College of Mass Communication. Before becoming a dean at Southern Miss, Dr. Pood was the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Alabama.

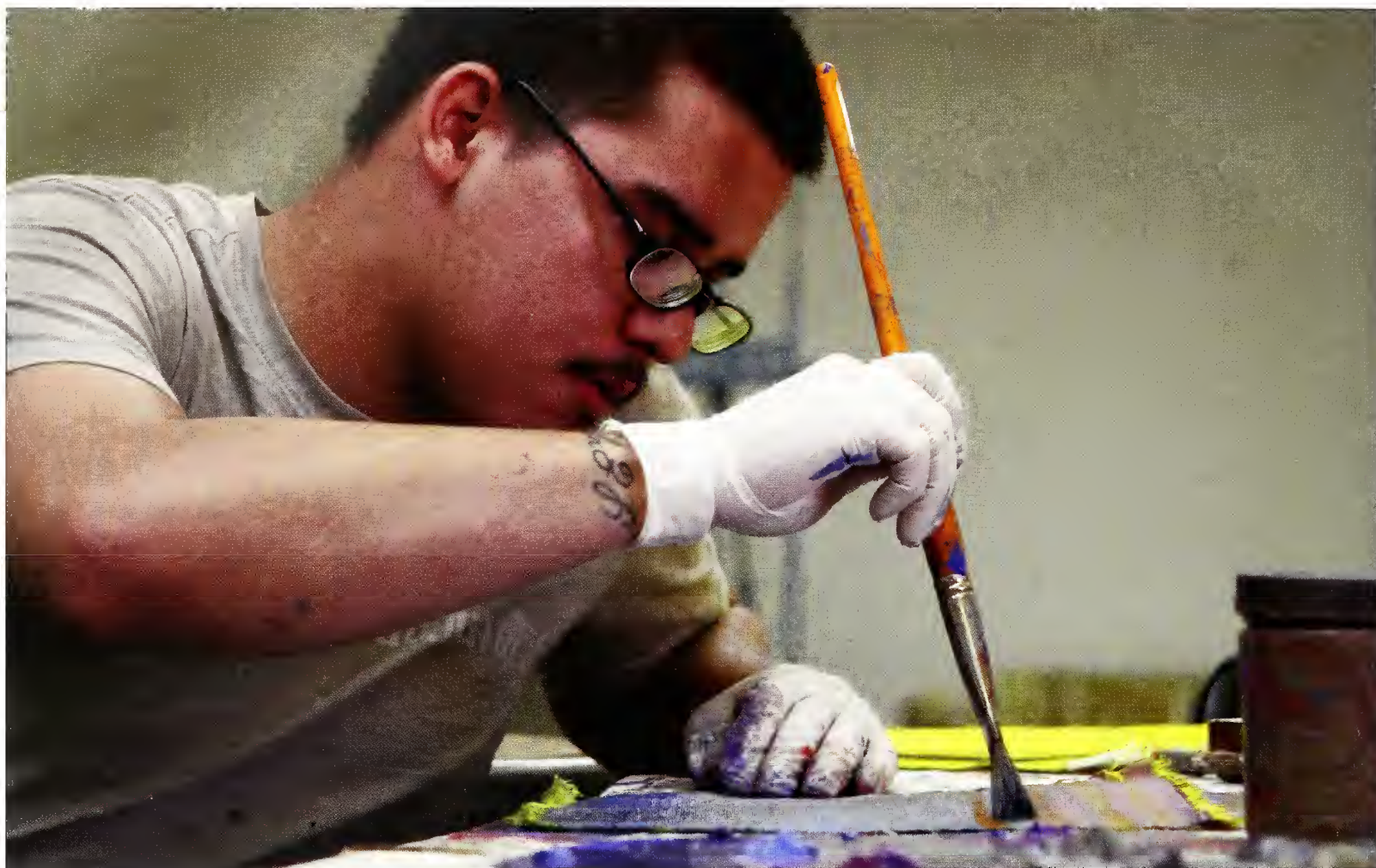
Dr. Pood said he knew he wanted to be a dean of a college for a long time.

"Early in my career, I decided that I would like to be a dean someday. My mentor and major professor was the dean of the College of Communication at Florida State. He was always someone I looked up to and admired," he said.

Besides being a dean, Dr. Pood is also a teacher and writer. He has taught several courses in mass communication, organizational communication and video production. He has published 60 articles dealing with mass communication and organizational communication. As if this was not enough, he is the executive editor for *"The Journal of Academic Leadership."* Dr. Pood loves having an important part in the education system. He said that all educators should have passion for their work.

"We [educators] should love to teach and enjoy our research. Above all, we should treat each other with dignity and respect," he said.

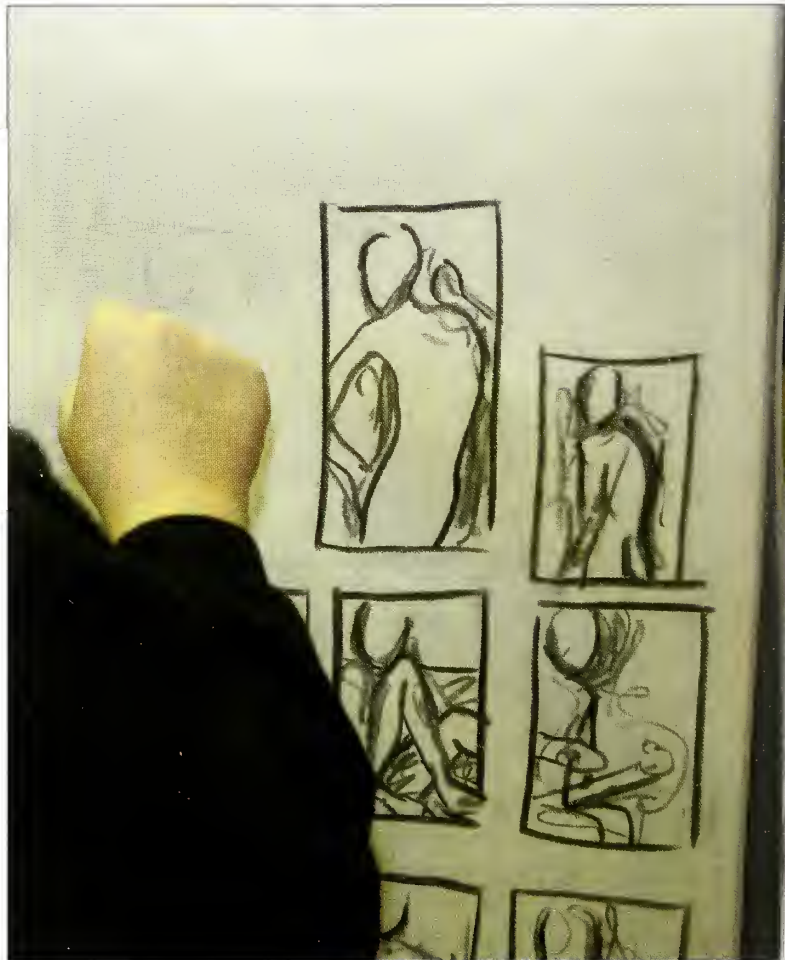
Although he does not think he is a legacy just yet, he said, "By the time my career as a faculty member ends, I hope I will have had a positive impact on enough students and colleagues that I will leave a good or positive legacy." *Story by Justin Smith*



Jason Ellis, a junior sculpture major from Picayune, Miss., is diligently working on a color study for an upcoming painting in his upper level painting class.



Scott Roman, a junior sculpture major from Hattiesburg, Miss., is cutting a sheet of wood for a project. The department of art and design has a state-of-the-art 3-D design studio accessible to art majors at all hours.



Jessica Sherman, a graphic design major from Ellisville, Miss., brushes up on the fundamentals of art by doing gesture drawings for a figure drawing class.



A common site in the painting studio, a palette and rags are necessary tools of the trade.
All Photos by Chris Payne

EXPRESSING CREATIVITY

learning to create art & design

A career in the arts is rewarding for all that pursue it. The department of art and design at The University of Southern Mississippi is just the place that guides the average student along that career path.

The department of art and design offers four areas of emphasis for undergraduate students to study. They are art education, graphic design, drawing and painting and sculpture. Before a student is able to concentrate in one of these areas, they must first take a set of core art classes. After they meet the requirements of the art department, they are allowed to declare an emphasis.

Susan Fitzsimmons, chair of the department of art and design said, "I consider it (the arts) to be life saving for me personally. Having my art to fall back on has always helped me cope with very difficult situations in my personal life."

David Wood, a junior art education student said that he chose this field because he wanted to be a good influence on students' education.

While Wood likes his area of emphasis because it allows him to work with kids, Megan Harris, a senior graphic design student, has a far different reason for liking her field. She said that the best thing about graphic design is that it allows her to work in and out of class. She also enjoys graphic design because it allows her to bond with her classmates. Harris said that she would like to work at an ad agency and then later start her own ad firm.

Jack Fleming, a junior studying drawing and painting, said that painting was something that he had wanted to do his whole life.

Fleming said, "If you're not happy doing something then there's no point in doing it. If drawing makes you happy, then you should do it."

Jason Ellis, a junior in sculpture said it is something that he loves to do because it allows him to build things. Ellis believes that a career in the arts should be pursued since it is very creative and it allows you to be your own boss.

The department of art and design provides many diverse learning opportunities for students. In early 2005, the department held the "Visions of the Past" lecture from Harvard microbiologist, Dr. Margaret Livingstone. In January and February of this year, the Katherine Kadish exhibit was held as well as the annual student show in the spring, which showcased student art from all of the areas of emphasis. The department also held the senior show in the fall of 2005, which displayed a culmination of the seniors' work. Thomas Dulaney of Structural Steel Services donated a cupola (blasting furnace) to the department. It was featured in the sculpture symposium in April 2006. *Story By Joseph Ezell*

DANCING

WITH HEART

dance training



Photo by Chris Payne

The University of Southern Mississippi is known for being not only first but great at a number of things. The one thing that is often overlooked however is the rapid brushing of feet, the throwing of legs and the perfectly executed Tour de Basques of the students in the Southern Miss dance department.

Southern Miss was the first school in Mississippi to offer a Professional Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in dance studies and has been around for over 25 years.

The program consists of approximately two dozen minors and 65 students majoring in one of the two emphasized areas. The areas are dance education and dance performance and choreography.

Like many programs, there are certain criteria for being accepted to the dance department. Each dance major is required to audition for the school's Repertory Dance Company. Dancers bring their hopes and dreams with them to this nationally accredited program's audition the spring before each school term. The Repertory Dance Company is usually accepts around 30 members.

"It would lose the family feel if (we got) any bigger" Stacy Reischmann, director of the program said. "It's a big community sense."

The department hosts seven concerts a year. Three pieces from the Fall Dance Concert will be presented at the American College Dance Festival in Florida. Dancers are allowed to choreograph and present their own pieces at the spring dance concert.

The experience of being part of the Repertory Dance Company is rewarding to most members like Kathleen Stansell, a dance performance and choreography major from Crystal Springs, Miss.

"It's not just the experience from the classroom but outside the classroom... the company," Stansell said.

The department is not closed to all non company members. Students are allowed time to practice while they are not in the company by taking classes.

Caitlin Masson, freshman dance major who hopes to audition in the spring said, "I want all the extra practice I can get before I try out for the company. When I dance it's just me and the music."

Dance is not only for people who have dedicated much of their life and feet to it, but the department also sees it as a way for others to get involved with it on campus. There are a variety of dance classes offered for non-dance majors who have little to no dance training.

The dance department gives prospective students the chance to see if their feet are really pointing them in the direction of a dance career. During High School Day dancers spend the day taking classes under the instruction of Southern Miss faculty members.

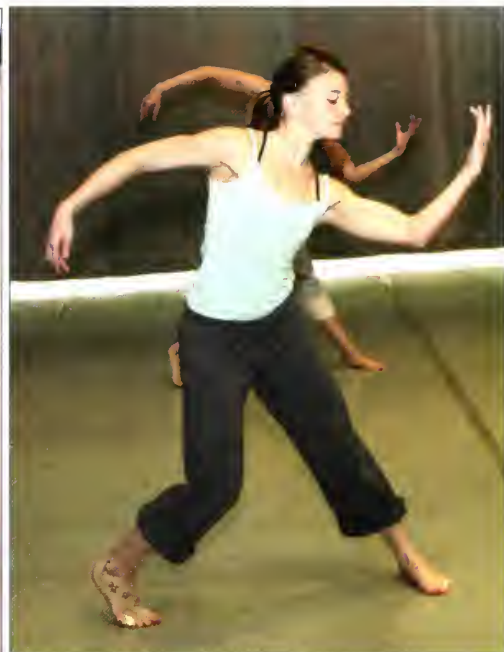
The department is currently run by five full time instructors, four of which are faculty members and one who is a visiting guest artist. They are dance professionals.

Reischmann said, "I don't know how great we can be. In my time here I have seen the incoming class get better and better."

The Fall Dance concert is one example of how dedicated the company is. Post Hurricane Katrina the show ran as originally scheduled despite the two weeks of practice missed.

Southern Miss' Repertory Dance Company and department as a whole is a true example of the great things to come at Southern. From fancy footwork to jazz hands the department is home to a group of individuals who prove true dancing comes from the heart.

Story by Tonya Jenkins



Sophomore Kathleen Stansell practices her movements for "Innerpulse". As a member of the Southern Miss Repertory Dance Company, this is only one piece she has been cast in and must practice for throughout the semester.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher

As a student in an advanced modern dance class, senior Julie Moran does a barre warmup. Dance majors spend an average of 16 hours a week practicing outside of class for the Southern Miss Repertory Dance Company and another 12 hours in dance classes.

Photo by Chris Payne



Dancers in the Southern Miss Repertory Dance Company practice for their performance in "Innerpulse". Junior Megan Lee is the choreographer behind this piece.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher

The students in the theatre department put on a great performance of "*Hair*," which involved tons of dancing and singing. Photo by Eric Wrigley



The production of the 1960s "tribal love-rock musical" "*Hair*" involved a lot of interesting costumes adapted from the time period. Photo by Eric Wrigley



PLAYING ROLES

theatre experience



In the theatre department's production of "Scapin", Sylvestre (Daniel Kerr) and Scapin (Muson Criswell) are sly as they trick Argant (Brad Oxam) into believing their plan. This comedy was selected for the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Jacksonville, Fla. after being selected on a local level. Photo by Toni Bynum

The University of Southern Mississippi theatre department is one of the most prestigious in the region, and the various productions the department has put on over the years exemplify the talent that Southern Miss theater students possess.

From comedies like "Scapin" to musicals such as "Hair" and other performances like "Enemy of the People," the theatre department has proven its versatility and has provided entertainment catered to all kinds of theatrical tastes. The Southern Miss College of Arts and Letters has the only nationally accredited department of theatre and dance in the state. It offers both a bachelors and masters degree in acting, as well as more specialized degrees for those interested in directing or design and technical theatre.

"The department still has a diamond in the ruff appeal," Kacey Musick, a sophomore theater major, said, "I'm still finding things out about professors and the people who are affiliated with the program that are just amazing."

Kyle Russell, a theatre major from Pass Christian, Miss., said that to him the allure of acting is the challenge of adorning a new persona for each production. Russell said that in addition to the attention of being on stage, the ability to take on different behaviors and be different people made each experience a completely new one.

"I've learned so much since I came to Southern, and I still have an enormous amount to learn," Russell said. "Acting is one of the things that I've taken on and haven't perfected yet."

The faculty in the department is very experienced in the various arenas of theatrical performance, and this is one of the aspects of the program that Musick, Russell and others find incredible. The many opportunities for freshmen actors is another opportunity of the department Musick said sets it apart from departments at other

universities. According to Musick, these opportunities, coupled with the amazing faculty, makes the Southern Miss theatre department effective in establishing a solid foundation in theatre for its students.

Musick said, "We have people who've worked on Broadway, who've studied martial arts and even directed really famous and talented people. We're not a big university, we don't have the access to the major markets like other, more popular schools, but we have the kind of program where a freshman can walk in and get cast in his or her first semester."

Many faculty and staff members within the department become involved in the productions and in many cases are cast as main characters such as Robin Aronson, a professor who was cast as Fefu in the department's production of "Fefu and Her Friends."

Mary Lee Harris, another theatre major, said that the program has an outstanding level of professionalism, and that the program encourages theatre students to learn more about theatre than simply how to act.

"Theater is a team effort, and at Southern Miss we are encouraged to learn about all the aspects of theater, not just one particular thing such as acting," Harris said.

Faculty involvement and the holistic education the program provides are two examples of the commitment all constituents of the theater department have to producing quality entertainment for the present and quality performers for the future.

Story by Chris Mills

MAKING MUSIC

lessons in music



Graduate student, Mary Chung, diligently rehearses in a sound proof practice room one weekend at the PAC. Photo by Elizabeth Keenan

Of the many exemplary programs at The University of Southern Mississippi, one in particular stands out year after year: the music department. This department is home to all of the vocal and instrumental performance groups at Southern Miss which include (but are not limited to) The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Chorale, Concert Choir, the newest Vocal Jazz Ensemble, the Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and the Southern Opera and Musical Theater Company. The music department is consistently a forerunner in not only community relations but also enrollment. Students come from all over the United States to study music at Southern Miss - widely considered the premier music department in Mississippi.

"I decided to come to Southern Miss because it is a music school." Andrew Noble, freshman music education major, said. "You have a great advantage studying here because of the department's reputation. I feel like I have great potential to be successful here."

Noble said his experience at Southern Miss has been very rewarding thus far. Some of his classes are taught by graduate students, while he has professors for his other classes. He said he likes the mix and knows that more instruction from professors will be available to him as his music education progresses.

"I've been able to participate in the Tuba Ensemble this year which has turned out to be a particularly enjoyable experience. I've made great friendships and lasting connections with the music department," Noble said.

The music department offers two degree paths: a Bachelor's of Music or Bachelor's of Music Education. The former allows students

to choose an emphasis in church music, composition, history and literature, jazz studies, music industry or performance, while the latter offers an emphasis in education, choral music or instrumental music.

Professor Ken Ortlepp joined the Southern Miss faculty three years ago and has been a fantastic addition. Ortlepp teaches individual lessons and recital classes, coaches ensembles, recruits for Southern Miss in the southern part of the country and performs with the faculty brass and woodwind quintette.

"Most people have heard about Southern's music program. It is one of the top two programs in the southeast. The caliber of students who move through this program is unrivaled," Ortlepp said. "Our only issue right now is funding. We desperately need a new building to accommodate the students in our program and our funding has been cut."

The music department at Southern Miss is also in a unique position to foster a relationship between the community and the school. Members of area communities often attend the various performances the department hosts. This allows the community to stay abreast of upcoming events and serves as a recruiting tool for the program.

The national acclaim and praise from world-renowned performers that the Southern Miss music department consistently receives is indicative of all the hard work and talent that go into making a successful program. The program is phenomenal and will remain so for years to come. Story by Kristen Welch and Madison Davis



Sean McCumber performs in the Trombone Studio New Student Recital. When he was asked what he liked about the music department at Southern Miss., he said, "I am getting a lot better at the trombone." *Photo by Chris Payne*



The violinists perform with The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*



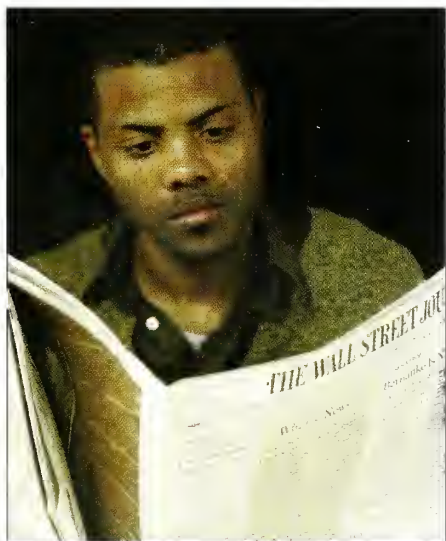
The voices of the Chamber Singers sing boldly at a spring concert performance. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*



Joseph A. Greene Hall Photo by Jennifer Petcher

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

dedicated to preparing students



Ivan Tisdale, a senior management of information systems major (MIS), looks for interesting news in the "Wall Street Journal". Business students are provided with the "Wall Street Journal" and are encouraged to read it daily to supplement their classroom time.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher

The College of Business and Economic Development, is dedicated to preparing students for the business world. Students learn how to solve problems using effective communication, acquiring useful resources and attaining effective presentation tactics. The College of Business and Economic Development is composed of nine departments including accounting, management information systems, economics, finance, international business, management, business administration, fashion merchandising and marketing. The college provides students with internships, scholar activities and academic programs to meet their specific needs.

"I feel that being a student in the College of Business [and Economic Development] now will provide me with more opportunities in the future," Maquitta Littles, a senior accounting major, said.

As a result of the various programs offered by the College of Business and Economic Development, graduates are educated and fully prepared for taking on a professional career.

"The variety of courses that I have taken will help me feel more comfortable when entering a business environment. I feel like I will be equipped with the knowledge that I need to build a successful career," Littles said. *Story by Crystal Womack*



The architectural drawing of the new Trent Lott National Center for Excellence in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship stands by the construction site, giving viewers a look at the completed building. *Photo by Matikia Wilson*



The construction site for the Trent Lott National Center for Excellence in Economic Development and Entrepreneurship is located between the stadium and highway 49. The new building is expected to be completed by May 2007, however, funding for the project is still pending. *Photo by Matikia Wilson*

MEET THE DEAN

Dr. Harold Dohty



Photo by Tracy Thomas

Dr. Harold Dohty, dean of the College of Business and Economic Development, though not an alumnus, and not originally from Mississippi at all, has come into a position as one of the most influential members of The University of Southern Mississippi faculty. Dean Dohty, an extraordinarily humble man, began his academic career as a psychology major at what was then known as Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University). Following his time at Southwest, he enrolled as a graduate student at The University of Texas at Austin where he achieved a master's degree. He had no long-standing dream of being a dean, but said he "went to college, loved it and never left."

Dean Dohty does not consider himself a Southern Miss legacy and said that for him to claim himself as such would seem "terribly arrogant." Dr. Dohty defines a legacy of the university as someone who has evoked "fundamental changes" and cites examples such as Aubrey K. Lucas, Dr. William McCain and current president, Dr. Shelby Thames (for his work with the polymer science department at the university).

Despite this humility, under Dr. Dohty's administration, the college has managed to overhaul its undergraduate program and redefine its mission to focus more sharply on the needs of Mississippi. Dr. Dohty describes his goal for the future of the College of Business in one word: "forward." Dean Dohty's long-term goal for the college is to be in the top 100 business schools in the nation.

The college is trying to become more open to non-business majors in an effort to give all students a chance to become familiar with ideas that are essential to business students but that are also essential to students in countless other areas of study.

"All people will, at some point, probably work for a business," Dr. Dohty said.

This statement really sums up the mission of Dr. Dohty and the college: to help students understand business and management and to better prepare them for interfacing with corporate business fixtures that are seen in any area of work. This mission, and the great progress that has been made under Dr. Dohty's administration are perhaps the first steps in the trek to Dohty becoming a legacy here at The University of Southern Mississippi. *Story by Chris Mills*

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

students participate in internships



Jacquelyn Lee from Hattiesburg, Miss., and Kenyell Gantt from Paughkeepsie, N.Y. are both graduate students in social work interning at Pine Grove Rehabilitation Center. They are leading a group therapy session about communication skills and how the patients can use their skills to obtain employment. *Photo by Robin Bolton*

In addition to academic merit, there are a few key factors that make an educational program both interesting and worthwhile. The most important of these secondary attributes is the presence of an internship program. These programs help students connect the classroom to the jobsite and allow them to become more productive members of their fields. The College of Business and Economic Development has implemented an internship program geared toward giving Southern Miss students a head start in establishing skills used in the business world.

Chris Walker, a graduate student in accounting, spent last June and July working in the audit department of Horne CPA, a regional accounting firm.

"I was able to connect my classes to the real world and measure my understanding of the material in a real time situation," Walker said. "It (an internship) is a good way to establish yourself, and it really adds to your resume."

Yet another testament to the benefits of the intern program in the College of Business and Economic Development is Michael McBride, a hospitality management major who interned with J. Alexander's restaurant in Baton Rouge, La.

"I received great training in the industry, especially with details such as food standards," McBride said. "It was also a great networking experience for me. I got to meet some people who worked in the national headquarters, and of course other interns."

McBride said that a major benefit of the program was the connectivity to the existing workforce. This aspect of the program is an important part of a student's well-rounded education. Students develop a comprehensive course of study, which is a major goal of the university as the job market becomes increasingly competitive. An internship, or any experience in a certain field of work, can mean the difference between a successful or failed attempt at employment.



Chris Walker, a graduate assistant in the Athletic department, interned with Horne LLP in Jackson, Miss., for the summer. He was able to gain a lot of experience in a variety of areas related to accounting.
Photo by Chris Payne

The Beta Alpha Psi honor society for accounting majors contributes to the internship search for business majors. This society, in addition to helping students take part in community service projects, brings in company recruiters that give students information about available internships and the benefits that are associated with each one. Many students are able to find internships or field related work on their own, but Beta Alpha Psi helps to make finding such positions a simple process. The experience students gain from internships, coupled with their active involvement in organizations such as Beta Alpha Psi and the other business-oriented organizations at the university, acts to set Southern Miss students apart from other college graduates and secure them a place in the workforce.

The University of Southern Mississippi prides itself on creating the most productive futures possible for its students by giving them not only an education but an experience that wholly prepares them for a life outside of the campus. The fulfillment of this mission statement begins with student involvement in programs like these internships and co-op positions that are geared toward bridging the gap between enrollment and employment. *Story by Chris Mills*



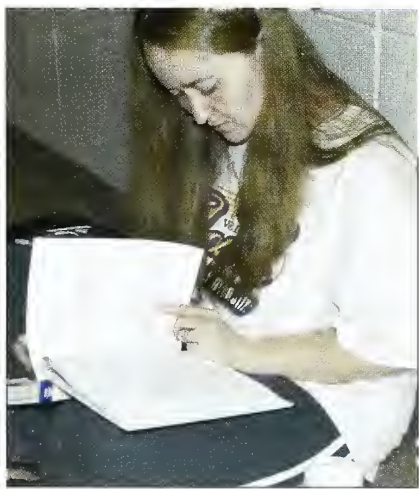
Interviewing a patient at the Pine Grove Rehabilitation Center, Amy Crandall works as an intern to supplement her graduate studies in social work. *Photo by Robin Bolton*



Owings-McQuagge Hall Photo by Jennifer Petcher

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY

focusing on the needs of others



Elizabeth Willis, senior psychology major, studies for a test in the hall of Owings McQuagge. The Owings McQuagge building is where many education and psychology majors take their classes. Photo by Matikio Wilson

The College of Education and Psychology focuses on the teachings and research of human development. The college is divided into many departments in which students can gain knowledge in the subjects of education, child and family studies and psychology.

In addition, the College of Education and Psychology serves Southern Miss by offering courses and programs to students in order to enable them to have a better understanding of the world around them and to improve that world. Students learn to think critically and they learn how to solve problems through communication.

"As a current psychology major, I expect not only to gain knowledge in the classroom, but also put that knowledge to use in the outer rims of classroom grounds," Kezia Naarai McSwain, a senior, said.

As a result of the variety of opportunities offered in the College of Education and Psychology, students learn how to improve the welfare of children and families by focusing on their needs. Students also gain experiences in full interactive contact with children at the Center of Child Development (CCD), which is a daycare program with children ranging from the age of 6 weeks old to 5 years old.

"I believe that the College of Education and Psychology has helped in the pursuing of my future goals. I've had the opportunity to study with faculty who are knowledgeable, accessible, and are open to discussing issues in and out of class. The program consistently challenges me to understand what it means to be an effective learner, researcher, and teacher;" McSwain said. *Story by Crystal Womack*



Sophomore Lauren Caviezel weighs a rat for an Alzheimer's experiment in the animal facility in Johnson Science Tower. The facility provides animals for experiments in science and psychology labs. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

MEET THE DEAN

Dr. Willie Lee Pierce



Photo by Matikia Wilson

The philosophy of Dr. Willie Lee Pierce, dean of the College of Education and Psychology, can be summed up in one word: "dynamic." Lasting change seems to be a motif in the college under the guidance of Dr. Pierce who has been essential in the college's ability to maintain the status of one of the nation's leading education and psychology colleges.

Dean Pierce is originally from Indianola, Miss. He received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from North Carolina State University, where he went on to pursue a graduate degree in adult and community college education. Although he was not born in Hattiesburg, he said it is hard to remember a life other than the university.

Dr. Willie Pierce has been a part of the Southern Miss faculty for 31 years. What started off as an assistant professorship in adult education has become a role as one of the most prominent members of the university staff. Pierce accredits his effectiveness as a dean to his ability to understand the needs of the college in a panoramic view.

In the future, Dr. Pierce hopes to see more external funding for grants that will be used to fund graduate assistantships coupled with involved research and the direct application of the research in the classroom. This research-intensive aspect of the college would further bridge the gaps between the College of Education and Psychology and other colleges at the university; gaps which have been drastically narrowed since Dr. Pierce's inception as dean of the college. The ever changing, drastically dynamic nature of Dr. Pierce's administration is responsible for the great progress the college has made in recent years.

Story by Chris Mills



Dr. Pierce sitting with Steve Welch, Quentin Green and Demetris Johnson on the steps of Owings McQuagge building. *Photo by Matikia Wilson*

TOMORROW'S TEACHERS

students learning to educate



Kelly Quint practices for the future by teaching a math lesson. She is student teaching at Columbia Primary where she will teach for four weeks.
All Photos by Tracy Thomas

The College of Education and Psychology at The University of Southern Mississippi incorporates a student teaching program into the coursework for all aspiring teachers. This acts as a mandatory internship to allow hands-on job experience before graduation.

The program is arranged into two experiences based on the type of teaching degree (primary or secondary) in question. For education students, this experience is a method of self-evaluation on the topics covered throughout the coursework. It is also a completely new learning experience filled with practical applications of the theories learned in their classes.

"The student teaching program provides a lot of perspective on different teaching styles because there are many different teaching settings encountered through the program," Kelly Quint, an elementary education major, said.

According to Quint, the transition from student to teacher is difficult because students are so used to only listening to a lecture. Through this program she has had to take charge of a classroom, teach and learn at the same time. She said that beyond this difficulty the hardest part of the program was trying to follow the teacher's daily procedure. Discipline and earning respect as a teacher is not very difficult with the younger age group she works with.

Lauren Ward, a secondary education major, said, "I have learned a lot about what it takes to be a good teacher. It takes a lot of patience, good class management, and I have learned that if you love your students you will be more apt to go out of your way for them."

Ward, who works with an older age group than Quint, said that gaining respect is harder with older students, and in her opinion the experience should be longer so that student teachers would have more experience before beginning a teaching career.

"I have had some amazing teachers, but nothing can really prepare someone for the teaching in a classroom," said Ward, "The professors that I have had have been nothing but supportive; they want to produce the best teachers they can."



Lauren Ward, a senior education major from Long Beach, Miss., teaches a history lesson. Lauren is a student teacher at Petal Middle School where she will teach two weeks and then move to teach high school.

Ward added that she and a group of education majors who share the same interest in teaching history have started meeting as a group. This has been very beneficial because it allows her to learn not only from her own experiences but also from the experiences of her colleagues.

Quint explained that in addition to learning what is most effective in the classroom she has also learned what not to do, and has been able to learn even from mistakes made by herself or other teachers. The learning experience for these student teachers is a never-ending process and according to both Quint and Ward they are constantly refining their teaching style and learning to cater to different teaching situations. This refinement process is at the heart of the program, and Quint said that no matter how many times a person tries to simulate teaching in a classroom to his or her peers, it is never going to be the same as teaching to a real group of students. *Story by Chris Mills*



Kelly Quint, a senior elementary education major from Mobile, Ala., plans her lesson for the day. Student teachers are asked to develop lesson plans for four weeks of teaching.



Fritzsche-Gibbs Hall Photo by Jennifer Petcher

COLLEGE OF HEALTH

improving health and well-being



Speech and hearing majors, Chelsea Newman, a senior from Pascagoula, Miss., and Katie Harris, a senior from Columbia, Miss., work on phoneme pages. These pages are used to teach kids with language disorders at the Dubard School. Photo by Janet Payne

Improving the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities is the theme of the College of Health. It has three academic schools and four academic departments. The College of Health Student Resource Center provides students within the college information about their major and employment opportunities.

The schools of nursing, social work and human performance and recreation are contained in this college. The school of social work gives strong academic background in social work values, ethics and policies. Coaching and sports administration, recreation administration and exercise science are degree programs offered by the school of human performance and recreation. The departments of community health sciences, medical technology, nutrition and food

systems and speech and hearing sciences also make up this college. These programs help students construct a future and legacy that will forever change the world.

Kim Kirkpatrick, a junior from Biloxi, Miss. is majoring in sports administration. She said that the program is great in supplying her with skills for becoming a part of the sports business world. Kirkpatrick said that when she leaves Southern Miss, she will take along with her a love for her sorority, her major and her school.

Latoya Mitchell, a junior social work major, is also in the College of Health. She said that her personal values, such as dignity, self-worth and integrity, match the core values of the social work field.

"I hope to leave the legacy of hard work and dedication in the College of Health," Mitchell said. *Story by Justin Smith*



Brandi Byrd conducts a breathing assessment on her classmate, Will Browning. Both are first semester nursing students. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

MEET THE DEAN

Dr. Peter J. Fos



Photo by Matikia Wilson

Dr. Peter J. Fos, in addition to being the dean of the College of Health, is an extraordinary man who is clearly poised in his administrative position to help elevate academics at Southern Miss to a new level.

Originally from New Orleans, La., Dr. Fos has acquired many degrees from many renowned institutions of higher learning. These include a dental degree from Louisiana State University, a doctorate degree from Tulane, a master's degree in public health and a bachelor's degree in pre-medicine from the University of New Orleans. Throughout his time spent in education, Fos has developed a personality and work ethic that has allowed his administration, and his college in turn, to flourish.

"I hope to leave a legacy," Dr. Fos said. "I believe I am in a good position to do this because I am the first dean of this newly configured college."

This legacy will surely develop, given the amount of progress the Dr. Fos administration has made in only the year and a half since Fos came to Southern Miss. Initially what attracted Dr. Fos to The University of Southern Mississippi was the growth in size and reputation he had noticed.

"I like new things," Dr. Fos said. "We are in a growth phase; this is a time of great opportunity for the college and the university."

Dr. Peter Fos has implemented a sense of diligence into the work ethic of the college that has put it on the path to both national and regional recognition. *Story by Chris Mills*



Greta Hill, a junior from Hattiesburg, demonstrates how to check for a heartbeat on a dummy patient as her classmates observe. *All Photos by Bart Lambright*

CARING FOR OTHERS

nursing students at work

The University of Southern Mississippi's nursing major is perhaps one of the most challenging programs offered at the College of Health.

"Going into the program, I thought the workload was exaggerated. Trust me, it isn't," Will Browning, a junior nursing major said.

Elise Warren, a senior nursing major said, "We start clinicals our first semester. At first, we're just fulfilling the role of a nurse and doing small jobs, but by the end of our third year, we usually have three patients totally under our care."

In addition to their clinicals, undergraduate nursing majors must first go through a preprofessional program, which is the equivalent of the university core courses. However, other roads can be taken to prepare a nursing major for the overall goal: a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, which will certify them as a registered nurse (RN). Allied health courses in high schools can be the first step for aspiring nurses.



Rubber gloves are an essential for any nursing major to have at all times.

"My high school didn't have an allied health program, so I just prepared by taking a lot of science classes," Warren said.

In addition, aspiring nursing majors may achieve an ADN (an associate degree in nursing to help them enter into a university environment) through junior college programs. Here at Southern Miss, the nursing program has stepped up its curriculum requirements.

Warren said, "Instead of having a 70 as a passing grade like the rest of the programs here, the administration has changed the passing grade to a 77." Also, instead of the standard 128 hour degree plan, nursing majors must fulfill 131 hours in order to attain their degree.

Freshman Samantha Fortenberry acknowledged the hard work required of nursing majors and said, "It takes desire for the end result to keep you motivated."

A strong personality and passionate background of service must accompany a nursing major's arsenal of tools gained from their studies to work successfully in the medical field.

"Southern Miss represents all of the things that have made me who I am. The southern hospitality, true friends and pride in where I came from will always be with me no matter where I am nursing," Fortenberry said.

Browning and Fortenberry also cited the close relationships built through the instructors and student body at the School of Nursing as essential to their learning experience. Despite the extreme hours spent with their colleagues, instructors often encourage their students to practice self-teaching, a method which includes taking on all of the information in text books and clinicals, instead of just focusing on lectures.

Finally, at the end of their fourth year, nursing majors must fulfill a preceptorship. They spend their first eight weeks of their last semester in normal classes, and then they work in hospitals one on one with real nurses to finish off their already wide expanse of real-world experience.

Browning, on the subject of his on the job practice, described a life-saving experience at Forest General Hospital, explaining the wounds of a car accident victim.

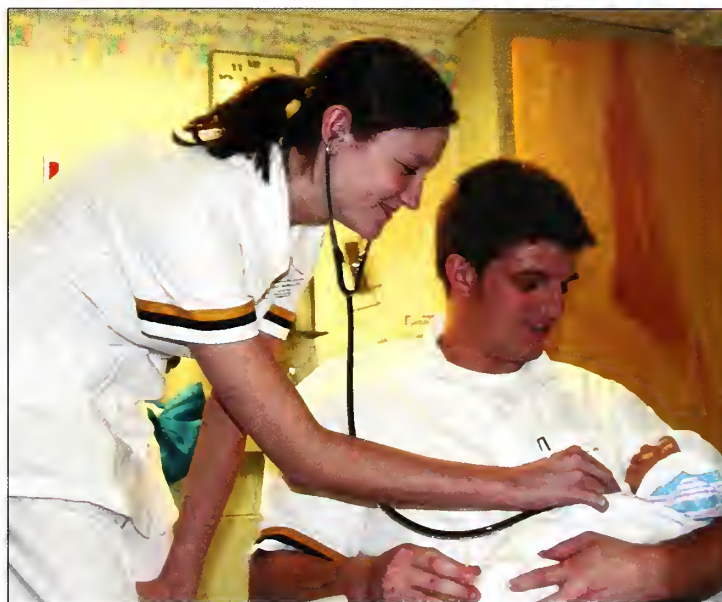
He said, "After about 20 minutes [of CPR] we got him back. He was in terrible shape, and though the possibility of him making it through all of that was slim, we were able to give his family time to say good-bye."

Nursing majors must endure long hours of hard physical and mental work to ensure their passage through The University of Southern Mississippi with their degree, and the proper knowledge to obtain success in the work field. After they leave the university, they enter the medical field with an enhanced understanding and appreciation of their job.

Browning said, "I have learned a lot at Southern Miss, but probably the most important thing I am learning here is to rely on others and trust them to complete their job, just as the patient should be able to trust that I can do mine." *Story by Samantha Nix*



Danielle Pugh, a nursing major, helps a patient with physical therapy.



Kristen Shields, a junior from Richland, Miss., practices how taking care of a mannequin with the help of Justin Burge, a junior from Hattiesburg, Miss.



Walker Science Building *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

molding the future



Jon Bearden, a junior athletic training major, and Kristen Sorrell, a junior geology major, do an experiment on heat effects and calorimetry in their basic chemistry class. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

The College of Science and Technology teaches the scientific and mathematical laws of the past so students can uncover and mold the future of the world. It is made up of 15 departments, each carrying out the university's mission through research, education and economic development and service. Over 3,000 students enroll in these programs each year, and many are graduates of the college, pursuing doctorates.

Ben Mitcham, a graduate physics major, said that he did not choose his major but that his major chose him. He took several physics classes that sparked his interest as an undergraduate and decided to major in the field because it was closely related to the classes he took.

Daniel Morgan, a junior industrial engineering technology major, said that the College of Science and Technology is the perfect academic college for him since he wants to work in the oil industry.

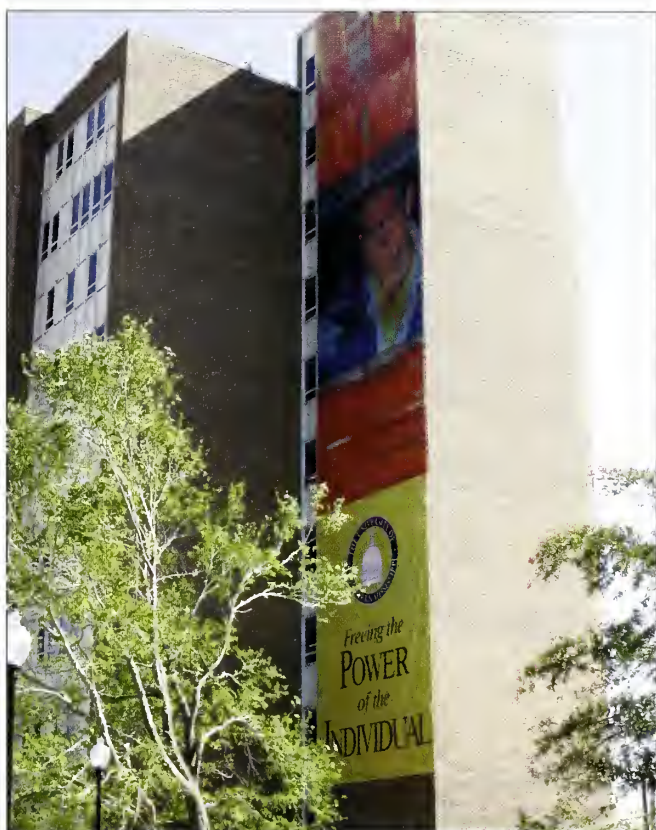
The College of Science and Technology also offers students a helpful head start in the pre-medical fields. The Pre-medical and Health Professions office offers nearly a dozen programs, including dentistry and pharmacy. The courses aim at improving the chances of students getting into a professional program.

Not all students in the college are taking a direct approach to technology. Alisha Gibson, a senior from Jackson, Miss., decided to combine her love for math with her interest in teaching to major in mathematics. She said that her college experience has been priceless.

"I hope to leave a legacy as a life-long learner, trusting that the people that I came in contact with have been inspired to continue to learn something from everything," Gibson said.

Whether a student decides to become the next thought-provoking math teacher, a dentist or a prosperous oil rig worker, the College of Science and Technology will provide the educational foundation for his or her dream.

Story by Justin Smith



Johnson Science Tower Photo by Jennifer Petcher

MEET THE DEAN

Dr. Rex Gandy

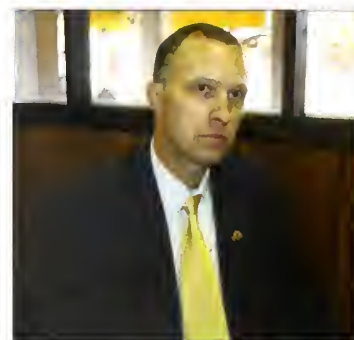


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Dr. Rex Gandy, the dean of the College of Science and Technology, was born in north Mississippi and attended college in Tennessee at the University of Memphis and in Texas at Texas State University, as a first generation college student. He acquired degrees in physics from both of these schools, an undergraduate degree from Memphis and a graduate degree from Texas. Dr. Gandy originally wanted to be a scientist at a university and achieved this goal working at Auburn for 16 years and the University of Idaho for three years. Dean Gandy defines a legacy of the university as "someone outstandingly committed." With this definition, Gandy is definitely a member of the legacy of Southern Miss.

"As a dean, you must take satisfaction from other people's accomplishments," Dr. Gandy said. This is the cornerstone of his selfless love of both his college and the university as a whole, a trait that only the best of Southern Miss' leaders possess. Dr. Gandy also attributes the effective administration of a college to two main factors: stress management and exceptional people skills.

The combination of both his tremendous threshold for stress and his great public relations skills has led to the start of many institutions that set the College of Science and Technology apart from the other colleges of the university. The idea of a college community is high on Dr. Gandy's priority list and programs such as "Hospitality Corner", a college picnic and the "Meet the Deans" program, featured on the front page of The Student Printz, have aided in bringing the members of the various departments inside the college together under a common bond.

Dr. Rex Gandy, in addition to his involvement in conglomerating the different departments incorporated in the College of Science and Technology, hopes to have established a reputation of dealing with people fairly and honestly. This sort of aspiration brings Dr. Gandy onto a very tangible level for students and allows him to manage his college with both respect from administrators and support from students.

"We need to increase our majors, improve the salary situation for the faculty and staff while holding tuition to a reasonable range," Dr. Gandy said.

This holistic approach to bettering the institution could be extrapolated to be a better goal for the university as a whole. Dr. Gandy is a believer in helping all parties in a situation and aims to better the experience of both students and faculty members here at The University of Southern Mississippi. This speaks volumes not only about his ability to effectively run the College of Science and Technology but also about his incredible leadership both on and off the campus.

FURTHERING THEIR STUDIES

mcnair scholars conduct research



Amaziah Coleman balances tubes that will go into a centrifuge process to separate liquids from one another. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Research and extra-coursework study are pivotal components to the academic ascent of many students at The University of Southern Mississippi. Research programs such as the Ronald E. McNair Scholars program cater directly to these student's aspirations of both academic and occupational success.

Founded in memory of Ronald E. McNair, the second African-American in space, the McNair Scholars program is a "Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program designed to prepare participants for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities," according to the program's mission statement. Southern Miss provides support for eligible undergraduates in preparation for acceptance into graduate programs. The program is highly selective and requires that a student be from a low-income family or a minority group, a U.S. citizen, in pursuit of a Ph.D. and committed to the program until graduation to be eligible for acceptance. The prestige of the program is dependant on the work of the scholars and the selectivity of its admissions policy, one aspect of the program that Susan Bourland, director of the student support services program, said is intense.

"We only have 22 scholars at any one time and only 10 to 12 new scholars each year," Bourland said, "It is a very exclusive program with only about 160 programs operating nationwide."

Amaziah Coleman, a senior biology major and McNair Scholar, said that to her there was no other program on campus equivalent to the McNair program, and that the main difference in the program comes from the background of its members.

"McNair is a prestigious honor, unique in that its scholars come from all disciplines. The program caters to preparing scholars for advancement in their specific concentrations," Coleman said.

Coleman went on to attribute the program with preparing her for not only graduate school but also for competition in the ever intensifying job market. Coleman said that aspects of the program such as GRE preparation, writing scholarly research papers on her work and presenting her work at the annual McNair Symposium have made her more competitive in her field.

"It is never too early to begin planning for one's future. I would encourage, not only freshmen, but everyone who qualifies to consider the McNair Scholars Program; it is a worthy investment," Coleman said.

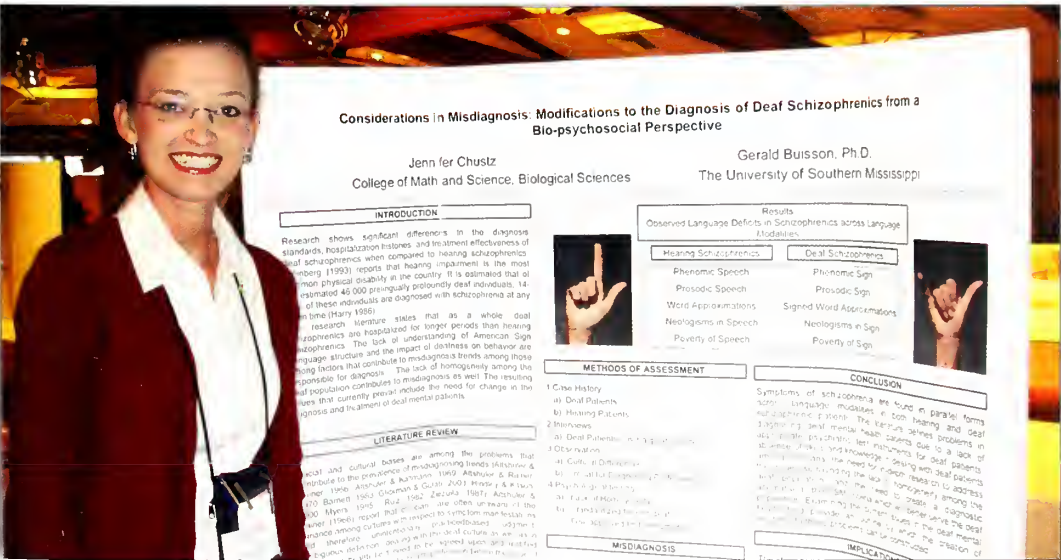
The program is a year-long venture to give scholars ample time to complete research projects, complete the paper and present their project findings at the McNair Symposium. The McNair Symposium is another method the program employs to better prepare its scholars for professions in which confidence and oral communication are key. In addition to this and other methods of preparing students for optimal performance in graduate programs, Bourland added that the program actively "assists scholars in identifying and applying to graduate program."

Coleman defined the purpose of the program as a dual ideal, to prepare students for post graduate education, and more importantly to instill in them fundamental skills needed for success in research intensive fields of work such as the sciences.

"McNair transforms capable students into scholars who like Dr. Ronald E. McNair, are leaving a legacy of scholarship and achievement," Coleman said. Story by Chris Mills



Amaziah Coleman continues her research as she looks at an organism under the microscope.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Amaziah Coleman, a biology major, is researching a pathogen that infects dolphins. Working in the lab, she sterilizes a loop that will go on to a microscope.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Jennifer Chutz, a senior biology major with a minor in chemistry, has done extensive research on hearing and deaf communities. Because she is deaf and fluent in American Sign Language, she was able to bring unique insights into her work.
Photo by Motikio Wilson

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

study abroad opportunities

Studying abroad has been a part of The University of Southern Mississippi for many years. Students can go almost anywhere in the world and study almost anything they want. Studying in another country makes whatever a student studies a unique, hands-on and once in a lifetime experience. Two students, Erin Vaughn, a senior, and Leah Gaines, a sophomore, have both been able to embark on this life-changing experience.

Vaughn went to England two years ago, but to her, it was just like yesterday. However, Gaines went the Abbey Point Levoy in France, but still had the same feelings and meaning towards her experience even though it was just last summer and in a different place. They both explained the many academic and personal opportunities that it can bring to a college student.

"It will help students to mature by getting them used to new things. Students will have a greater sense of what it means to be an American because you see how your country is portrayed," Vaughn said.

Gaines pointed out that it looks great on a resume and creates a sense of self.

"It helps you grow as person; throws you into a completely new culture where it forces you to have a self-identity," Gaines said.

Some other things that students might think about are the costs and the possible culture-shock. Financial aid does cover part of it, but not pocket change. However, most students who participate in the program agree it is a worthwhile investment.

Of course, the main aspect of the study abroad program is the studying and education. Both Gaines and Vaughn expressed that the education experience is completely different and amazing.

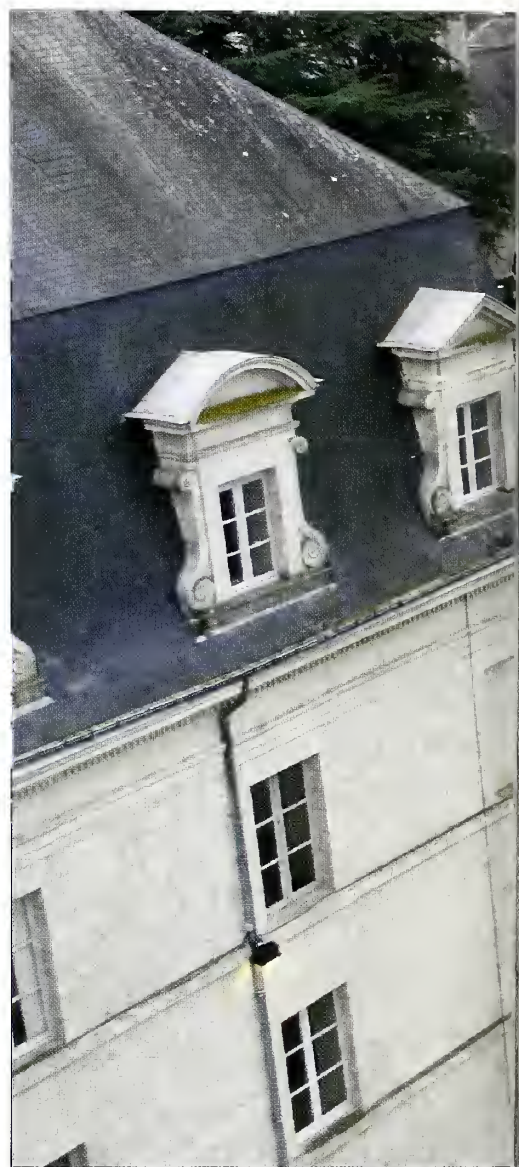
Vaughn said, "The more history there is tied into a place, the more I learned and the more knowledge I gained, which made my experience even better."

Gaines studied art in France and was able to study the paintings in person rather than in a book.

"When you see the real thing when learning, it leaves a lasting impression. You're also seeing history in the making; not just America's, but another country's," Gaines said.

Some tips for students considering studying abroad include studying the country, study the culture and study the laws.

"Being submerged in the culture helps you to understand what you're studying better," Vaughn said. *Story by Madison Davis*



Students participating in the short-term Caribbean studies program gather in front of a Bob Marley statue in Jamaica.



Students stroll through the Abbey grounds in Pontlevoy, France in the Loir Valley. The Abbey offers students the chance to study abroad for an entire semester and take a full course load.
All photos submitted by USM Study Abroad



Dr. Davies' journalism class enjoys a cruise down the Thames River.



Journalism students found some free time outside a castle located on the outskirts of Cardiff, Wales.



Sarah Catherine Robinson, a freshman psychology and art major from Jackson, Miss., and Dustin Boone, a freshman biological science major from Laurel, Miss., show their excitement after riding the floorless roller coaster Kraken for the fourth time at SeaWorld in Orlando, Fla. *Photo submitted by Christy Dyess.*

Psychology 110 Honors College students take a much needed break after a long day of learning and fun in Orlando, Fla. Professor of the class, Dr. Kuczaj, interacts with marine life on a regular basis for his research studying the behaviors of marine mammals. *Photo submitted by Christy Dyess.*



HONORS COLLEGE

serious students cut loose

Introduced first as honors-level classes in 1965, the Honors College of today's standard emerged in 1971 as a full fledged academic program in itself.

"Southern Miss was acting as something of an educational pioneer because the Honors College was only the sixth to be established in the United States. Now, there are more than 300," Dr. Ken Panton, dean of the Honors College, said.

In 2004, the Honors College revised the program using suggestions from professors, students, parents and university administrators. Now the Honors College is split into two programs: general honors for freshmen and sophomores and senior honors for juniors and seniors.

Jennifer Petcher, a senior photojournalism major, said, "It really gave me a better understanding of the world in general, especially the past."

The program offers a smaller classroom environment, highly active professors and perhaps most exciting, active learning classes that allow whole classes to take trips outside of Hattiesburg.

Stacey Ready, the coordinator of the general honors program said, "These classes incorporate traditional lectures with exciting field experiences."

Trips to places like Sea World in Orlando, Fla. to study the behavior of dolphins and whales, or New York City to watch Broadway productions live certainly added a new level of enrichment to a student's learning experience.

Chad Bush, a freshman biochemistry major said, "Within hours of the courses opening on SOAR, [active learning] classes are already full."

In addition to giving a smaller, more liberal arts feel to the Honors College experience, housing opportunities provide yet another aspect of excitement. Two dormitories house Honors College students in a living and learning community: Hattiesburg and Mississippi Halls.

Petcher said, "We had fun together (as much fun as you can have studying, I guess) and got to know each other. We also helped each other out when we had questions about assignments or were stressing out. Several of those girls are still my good friends today."

Bush said, "Some of the best times I've had with honors college kids have been at three in the morning in the dorm. We might get together to 'study,' but quite often, anything but studying happens."



After getting drenched in the "Soak Zone" during the "Shamu Adventure," Dr. Kuczaj pulled some strings with the director of animal training at SeaWorld to get the whole class behind the scenes of the show.
Photo by Christy Dyess.

To apply for the general honors program, high school seniors must exhibit leadership roles, participation in school organizations and their community and make 24 on their ACT, or the equivalent on any other national exam. For students who transfer or general honors students who wish to continue their participation, the senior honors program provides the perfect opportunity to finish their college education with academic flair.

Paula Mathis, the coordinator of the senior honors program, said, "Ninety percent of Southern Miss Honors College students continue their education at graduate or professional schools."

The senior honors program supplements the widespread goal of Honors College students to move on to even higher levels of education by providing juniors and seniors an opportunity to work one on one with a professor to create their own thesis. In their junior year, senior honors students attend a research methodology class to help them learn appropriate skills for researching their thesis. By their senior year, students choose a professor to work with, and carry out their research, culminating all of their years of hard work into a thesis.

Petcher said, "Senior honors has been good because I have been able to focus on a topic that really interests me."

Mathis said, "Students enrolled in any degree program offered at Southern Miss may be a part of the Honors College...Therefore, Honors theses have been written on a variety of topics. Two fairly recent theses that immediately come to mind as particularly interesting to me are 'Weapons on the Walls: Women in World War II Propaganda Posters' and 'Intoxicating Substances and Sober Judgment: A Case Study of High-Achieving Undergraduate Substance Users.'"

After 30 years of supporting Honors College students, there are hundreds of theses written on a plethora of topics, all sitting in Cook Library for the curious mind. Curious minds are exactly the type that the Honors College both seeks out and supports.

Ready said, "Honors College students have a unique experience in that by virtue of being in the Honors College they automatically have a support system. We here in the Honors College advise them, monitor their progress and mentor them. This support system instills them with the knowledge that they have people here who care about them and want to help them succeed!" Story by Samantha Nix

Southern Miss is home for a large group of notable college students. Distinctions such as Hall of Fame and Who's Who have been around for a long time, but these institutions, like student organizations, have adapted over time to accommodate the increasing student enrollment. Distinctions have come from their beginnings which resembled those of a high school, to the current system of distinctions which are more general and reflect the inability of students to know the entire student body. Originally Who's Who was split into the usual categories, most intelligent, most beautiful and a host of other titles, but with a campus as large as Southern Miss is now it is impossible to know who among thousands of students is the wittiest, or the most likely to succeed.



BIGGEST GIRL FLAPPER
"SYBEL HARRY"



DISTINCTIONS

Despite these structural changes in the distinctions on campus, there are many forms that have remained very similar to their ancestor institutions. The various beauty pageants at Southern have changed very little, the only major change to these was when the Beauties program was dropped sometime in the late 80's or early 90's. These changes and similarities reflect the importance of developing tradition at Southern Miss, and the university's unspoken policy of not allowing tradition to stifle growth and adaptation. *Story by Chris Mills*





Photos by Jennifer Petcher

LEADING THE STUDENT BODY

the voice of the SGA

JONATHAN KREBS PRESIDENT

Jonathan Krebs served as the Student Government Association President this year. As President, he was responsible for establishing a budget, directing EaglePalooza, attending Executive Cabinet, running SGA Cabinet, appointing cabinet members, establishing a vision for the student body, representing the student's voice and answering students' needs. Krebs believes this experience has provided him with valuable training for working with others, negotiating, serving, and meeting others needs. He also believes the President's office is not an ambition or resume boost but that it is a call to serve. Krebs advice to the students is, "Pursuing this position for yourself will not be enough to sustain you through the difficult and stressful times during your term. You must be willing to sacrifice yourself for others and their needs."





LYNDSEY JALVIA VICE-PRESIDENT

Lyndsey Jalvia has been actively involved in SGA since she first stepped on campus as a Freshman Associate. She then served as Freshman Associates advisor. Jalvia believes SGA is a student-centered organization that shows students that someone does care about their campus life and experience. As Vice-President, Jalvia serves as president of the senate branch. She presides over the meetings and performs the president's duties in his absence. Jalvia believes that the Senate is a vital branch of student government that sometimes does not get the recognition it needs. Jalvia says, "Being SGA vice-president has taught me so much. It has given me a true taste of the real world. It has also taught me that in order to motivate another about what they are doing, you must first have the passion inside you!"

RYAN MAHONEY ATTORNEY GENERAL



Ryan Mahoney decided to leave his legacy in the university through joining Student Government Association. In addition, he chose to be the Attorney General because of his strong devotion to Justice. The Attorney General serves as the judge for all transportation appeals as well as the conduct cases on campus. Mahoney is in charge of a diverse, nine person Judicial Board that devises changes to parking on campus including parking zones, signage, and policy. He is also the legal consul for other branches of the SGA. Mahoney says, "As an officer, I have learned to give tirelessly to the students and university as a whole. Your legacy will live much longer than your name, so give until you are dry and then give some more. My efforts are recognized by most of the student body, but I know that when I lay my head down at night, I have done the just and right thing to the fullest. That's satisfaction!"



CHARLES ARINDER TREASURER

Charles Arinder wanted to be a part of the Student Government Association because he believes it is one of the most truly student oriented organizations on campus. "The goal for the SGA is simple, make the college experience more enjoyable and simpler for the student. Hopefully my work as an officer will have done just that," says Arinder. The main tasks and responsibilities of the Treasurer include managing the expenses of the Executive Committee Directors and also managing the overall budget. Arinder says, "Being an SGA officer has brought to light the many inner-workings of the executive officers. It has opened my eyes to hard work done by every executive cabinet member and the other executive officers. Working with this particular administration has been an incredible experience."

GRAY WEINACKER ELECTIONS COMMISSIONER



Gray Weinacker wanted to be in the SGA because he knew that he wanted to be involved on campus and thought that this was the best way for him to do so. He believed he could help his fellow students and contribute to the SGA as a whole. The office of Election Commissioner intrigued Weinacker because of its direct interaction with the students. As election commissioner, Weinacker is responsible for the entire election process. With the help of Thomas Hayes and the rest of his election commission, Weinacker sets the dates, reserves the voting polls, advertises the upcoming elections, supervises the campaigning process, runs the polls, and counts the ballots. Weinacker says, "Being an officer for the SGA has taught me responsibility, fairness, and how to be a better leader."

MR. AND MISS SOUTHERN MISS

representing our campus



Miss Carolyn Brooks and Mr. Alvin McKinley

Carolyn Brooks

Carolyn Jean Brooks, known as "Carebear", is the 2005 Miss Southern Miss. She is a senior speech communication major from Jackson, Miss. She enjoys dancing, painting, singing and pottery. She also has a strong connection to the black and gold.

"Southern Miss has been my home away from home for four years now. It has given me numerous opportunities for which I am grateful. I have made life long friends and have really grown as a person," she said.

Brooks has become very involved in the campus life. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she serves as benevolence and merits chair and social action chair. She is a hall director, McNair Research Scholar, Alpha Lambda Delta junior advisor and a member of The E.L.I.T.E., Mississippi Communication Association, R.A.D. Systems Graduate, National Residence Hall Honorary and NAACP. She has also received numerous honors such as the department of speech communication's Don George Award for Academic Excellence, Top Community Developer of the Year, Resident Assistant Scholastic Award, Miss Black and Gold Pageant winner and Association of College & University Officers International STARS College Participant.

"For me, it means that somewhere along the way in my four years here, that I have made an impact on someone. It means that my smiles have been appreciated and that means the world to me," Brooks said.

Brooks plans to attend graduate school to obtain a Ph.D in speech communication with emphasis on health and interpersonal communication. She also wants to teach and serve as a health consultant to speak to various groups about the importance of health issues.



Alvin McKinley

Alvin Ray McKinley Jr. is the 2005 Mr. Southern Miss. "Lil Ray", as he is known by close friends, is a senior information technology engineering major from Edwards, Miss. He loves swimming, traveling, socializing with people and logging onto Facebook.

"I'm glad to serve as Mr. Southern Miss because it let's me know that I have made an impact. To me, this title is not about popularity but about being a well-rounded achiever. This campus has transformed me into the man I am today," McKinley said.

During his four years at Southern Miss, he has developed a large list of achievements. He is vice president of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, NSBE and AITP. He is a director for GEWW, a residence assistant and captain of an intramural football team. He is also a member of the Men of Excellence, the UAC officers' review board and Southern Style. He has received such awards as AASO Scholar, Bill Gates Award, Fellowship Award for Phi Sigma Pi, UAC Member of the Year and National Dean's List. In addition, he has participated in community service projects with Aldersgate, Big Brother and Big Sister and New Hope Baptist Church. After graduating, McKinley wants to attend graduate school. His ultimate goal is to establish a web-based service for third world countries to give them more opportunities. "I feel the more you know, the better you will do," he said.



BEST CITIZENS

serving the student body

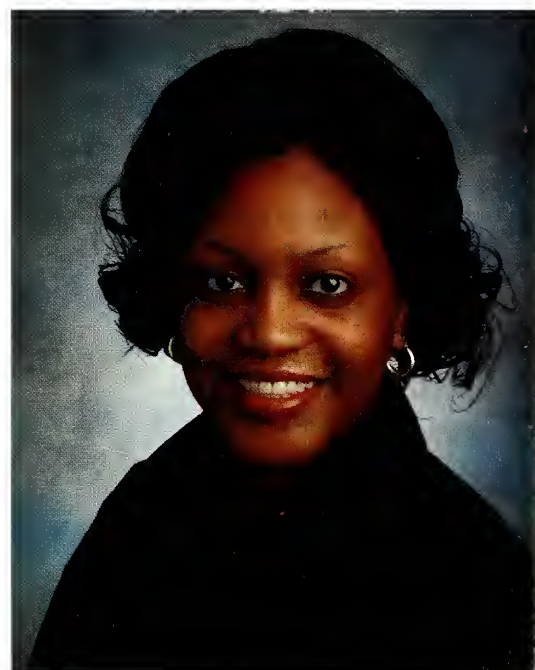
These awards are designated to honor two very special graduating seniors, one man and one woman, who have best exemplified through their actions the characteristics of responsible citizenship. The "Best Citizens" have served the campus community and their fellow students tirelessly with uncompromised integrity, compassion and vision. These awardees are considered positive role models for other students. *Courtesy of Dr. Joe Paul*

Carmen Edrice Buford

Carmen Edrice Buford is a management information systems major from Columbia, Miss. She is the daughter of Clarence and Mary Buford. Carmen aspires to graduate college with honors and obtain an information technology position with a Fortune 500 Company.

Carmen received several honors at Southern Miss. These included a Leadership Scholarship and acceptance into Beta Gamma Sigma, Golden Key, Lambda Sigma and Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies. She was also an assistant hall director, a resident assistant, the president of Ideal Women, and a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, Freshman Leadership Council and The Legacy.

Community service has been a large part of Carmen's college experience. She volunteered at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, the Boys' and Girls' Club of America, Palmers Crossing Community Center and the Family Education Center. At Southern Miss she participated in children's carnivals, toy drives, book drives and the American Heart Walk.



Luke Sumrall Johnson

Luke Sumrall Johnson earned his bachelors of science degree in business administration in May 2005. He is the son of Joe and Jean Johnson and is a native of Laurel, Miss. Luke is an ordained minister and he started seminary school in January 2006.

Luke received many honors throughout his time at Southern Miss. He was the permanent team captain of the Southern Miss football team. He was also a 2003 NCAA Leadership Conference Representative, a Conference USA special teams player of the week, a 2003 Liberty Bowl Scholar Athlete, and the 2003 Liberty Bowl Offensive MVP.

There were also many organizations that Luke joined at Southern Miss. Some of these were the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baptist Student Union and Christian Services Center.

Luke's community involvement included reading to local school children, volunteering at the Salvation Army, the Dubard School and the Red Cross, preaching for local youth organizations and a summer mission trip to West Africa.



PHI KAPPA PHI SILVER BOWL WINNER

achieving academic success

This award is given to the member of Phi Kappa Phi who has maintained the highest grade point average along with completing the greatest number of credit hours at the university.



Pellerree Amelia Steadman

Pellerree Amelia Steadman is an international studies and Spanish major from Hattiesburg, Miss. She is the daughter of Garland and Susan Steadman. Amelia aspires to attend law school and become an immigration attorney. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout all four years at Southern Miss.

While at Southern Miss, Amelia received many scholarships and awards. She was a Presidential Scholar and an Honors College Ambassador. She was also a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. She received the Honors College Colloquium Book Award her freshman and sophomore years.

Amelia was very involved at Southern Miss. She was an English Language Institute Intern in Fall 2005. She also presented a paper entitled "Unlikely Cold Warriors: Hattiesburg's Civic Organizations and Mississippi Southern Colleges Latin American Institute" at the Phi Alpha Theta State Conference. Amelia was president of Phi Alpha Theta her senior year and secretary her junior year. She was the secretary of the Indian Students Association in 2003. She was also a member of the Bhangra dance team and the USM College Bowl Team. Amelia studied abroad in Vietnam during the summer of 2004.

In addition to campus organizations, Amelia found time to help the community. She was a tutor at the English Language Institute throughout her time at Southern Miss. She also volunteered as a Spanish translator for the Mississippi Department of Human Services and organized the Phi Alpha Theta book drive.

WHO'S WHO

AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES

nationally recognized students

Who's Who is a nationally recognized honor in its 72nd year of existence. At Southern Miss, Who's Who is considered a top leadership award. The honor is designed to reward and recognize well-rounded students whose academic standing, participation in extracurricular activities, community service, and leadership are decidedly exceptional.

Courtesy of Dr. Joe Paul



Roselyn Ahua

Major: Biological Sciences
Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.
Organizations:
 Leadership Scholar
 Southern Style 2004
 Omicron Delta Kappa
 Eagle Connection
 College of Science &
 Technology Ambassador
Plans after graduation:
 To travel abroad, and in the
 fall of 2006, attend optometry
 school in pursuit of a career as
 a doctor of optometry



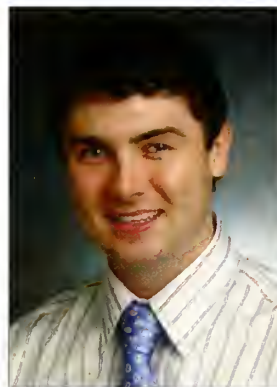
Julie April

Major: Child Life
Hometown: Metairie, La.
Organizations:
 Phi Mu Sorority-President
 Southern Style
 College Panhellenic Council
 Catholic Student Association
 Greek Seeker
Plans after graduation:
 To become a certified child life
 specialist providing care for
 children and families in the
 hospital as well as in a hospice
 program



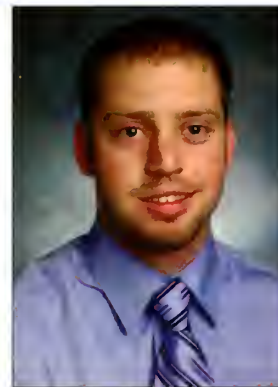
Carrie Arauz

Major: Speech-Language
 Pathology
Hometown: Purvis, Miss.
Organizations:
 Phi Kappa Phi
 Golden Key International
 Honour Society
 USM Speech and Hearing
 Association
Plans after graduation:
 To attend graduate
 school at The University
 Southern Mississippi



Charles Arinder

Major: Accounting and
 Personal Financial Planning
Hometown: Columbia, Miss.
Organizations:
 SGA-Treasurer
 Sigma Chi Fraternity
 Southern Style 2004
 IFC-VP of Administrative
 Affairs
 Greek Man of the Year 2005
Plans after graduation:
 To obtain a CPA certification
 and eventually own a own
 financial services firm



Eric Arrant

Major: Management
Hometown: Amory, Miss.
Organizations:
 Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
 Order of Omega-President
 IFC-VP of Public Relations
 National Runner Up-Alpha Tau
 Omega Thomas Ankle Clark
 Award
 Omicron Delta Kappa
Plans after graduation:
 To pursue a master's of
 business administration
 beginning in the Fall 2006



Sara Bailey

Major: Speech-Language
 Pathology
Hometown: Moss Point, Miss.
Organizations:
 Eagle Connection
 Chi Omega Sorority
 CPC-VP of Scholarship
 Gamma Rho Chi
 Golden Key International
 Honour Society
Plans after graduation:
 To attend graduate school to
 obtain a masters degree in
 speech language pathology



Tawanda Barker

Major: Biology
Hometown: Natchez, Miss.
Organizations:
 Sigma Gamma Rho
 Sorority Inc.
 USM Red Cross Council-
 President
 President's List/Dean's List
 College of Science & Tech
 Honor Scholar
 Beta Beta Beta Biological
 Honor Society
Plans after graduation:
 To attend nursing school
 and become an officer
 in the Mississippi Army
 National Guard



Brandon Belote

Major: Theatrical Design
 & Technology
Hometown: Vienna, Va.
Organizations:
 Freshman Leadership Council
 Order of Omega
 Omicron Delta Kappa
 Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity
 Golden Key International
 Honour Society
Plans after graduation:
 To ride a bicycle 800 miles
 across Florida with PUSH
 America, coach a summer
 league swim team in
 Northern, Va. and find a job
 or pursue graduate school



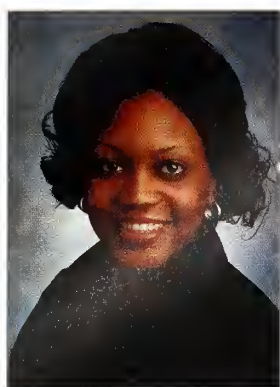
Carolyn Brooks

Major: Speech Communication
Hometown: Jackson, Miss.
Organizations:
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
 Residence Hall Director
 McNair Scholars Program
 Miss Southern Miss
 Golden Key International
 Honour Society
Plans after graduation:
 To pursue graduate studies
 and obtain a Ph.D. in speech
 communication and to
 eventually become a public
 speaker/health consultant
 concerning issues surrounding
 positive health behaviors



Lekeisha Bryant

Major: Administration of
 Justice
Hometown: Brandon, Miss.
Organizations:
 AASO-President
 Goal Tenders-President
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
 Southern Style 2005
 SGA-Freshman Branch
 Advisor
Plans after graduation:
 To attend graduate school at
 Belhaven College and prepare
 to enroll at Police Academy



Carmen Buford

Major: Management Information Systems
Hometown: Columbia, Miss.
Organizations:
 Ideal Women-President
 Leadership Scholar
 Golden Key International
 Honor Society
 Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity
 Omicron Delta Kappa
Plans after graduation:
 To work for Chevron Corporation as a business analyst



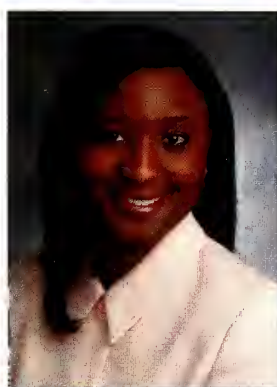
Candace Bush

Major: Broadcast Journalism
Hometown: Mobile, Ala.
Organizations:
 Kappa Delta Sorority
 SGA-Cabinet
 Eagle Connection-President
 Freshman Associates-Vice President
 Student Broadcasters Association
Plans after graduation:
 To begin a career in broadcast media and become a political correspondent eventually



Kristin Cabana

Major: History and German
Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.
Organizations:
 Honors Student Association-Vice President
 Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society
 Presidential Scholar
 Golden Key International
 Honour Society
 Honors College Ambassador
Plans after graduation:
 To pursue a master's then a Ph.D in history and eventually teach at a university



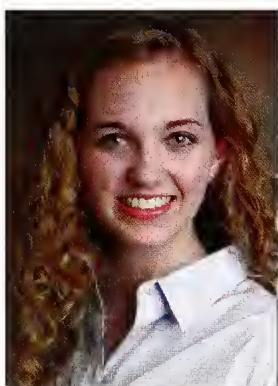
Amáziah Coleman

Major: Biological Sciences
Hometown: Richton, Miss.
Organizations:
 I.M.A.G.E.-President
 Alpha Epsilon Delta-President
 Luckyday Scholar
 Omicron Delta Kappa
 Dr. Ronald E. McNair Scholar
Plans after graduation:
 To attend medical school and pursue a career as a pediatrician and medical scientist



James Cruise, III

Major: Marketing
Hometown: Jackson, Miss.
Organizations:
 Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity-President
 IFC-VP of Public Relations
 Southern Style
 Greek Seekers-President
 Tom Shoemaker
 Scholarship Recipient
Plans after graduation:
 Currently working in Mobile, Ala. for Cintas in the Management Trainee Program."



Bethany Dailey

Major: English and French
Hometown: Madison, Miss.
Organizations:
 University Activities Council
 Kappa Alpha Theta-VP of Finance
 Golden Key International
 Honour Society
 Omicron Delta Kappa
 USM Theatre-Stage Manager and Assistant Director
Plans after graduation:
 To pursue graduate studies in English and then teach on the university level, and perhaps teach English abroad



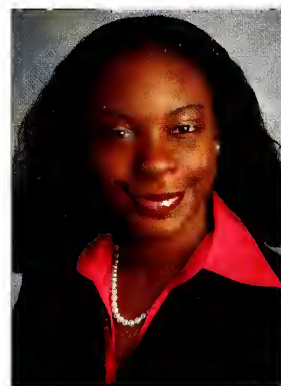
Tabitha Epperson

Major: History and Political Science
Hometown: Pass Christian, Miss.
Organizations:
 Pi Beta Phi Sorority
 Southern Style
 McNair Scholar
 Luckyday Executive Team
 Order of Omega
Plans after graduation:
 To attend graduate school in either history or political science



Lucy Ferguson

Major: Speech Communication
Hometown: Woodville, Miss.
Organizations:
 Freshman Leadership Council's Award
 Dean's List
 Chi Omega-President
 Speech Communication Association
Plans after graduation:
 To pursue a masters in speech communication from The University of Southern Mississippi



Jessica Gordon

Major: Spanish and International Business
Hometown: Biloxi, Miss.
Organizations:
 Phi Chi Theta Business Fraternity-President
 Golden Key National Award
 Omicron Delta Kappa
 SGA
 College of Business Academic Award
Plans after graduation:
 To pursue a masters of business administration, to pursue a career in international business using the Spanish language and to travel throughout the U.S. and Europe



Tansy Hall

Major: Economics

Hometown:

Blue Mountain, Miss.

Organizations:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

SGA-Election Commissioner

AASO-Historian

Financial Management

Association

Goal Tenders

Plans after graduation:

To obtain a masters of business administration while working in a management position located in Nashville, Tenn



Madeleine Hamilton

Major: Nutrition & Dietetics

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

Organizations:

Executive Director of Campus Development

Student Dietetic Association-Vice President

Random Acts of Leadership Award

SGA-Transfer Representative Senator

Sierra Environmental Club

Plans after graduation:

To attend a dietetic internship and become a registered dietician



Kimberly Helton

Major: Public Relations

Hometown: Mobile, Ala.

Organizations:

Delta Delta Delta-Secretary National Dean's List

Miss University of Southern

Mississippi Pageant Director

Lambda Sigma Honor Society

Public Relations Student

Society of America-Publicity Chair

Plans after graduation:

To pursue a career as a public relations practitioner in the non-profit sector



Keith Hembree

Major: Marketing

Hometown:

Pascagoula, Miss.

Organizations:

Outstanding Freshman Male

SGA-Senator

Interfraternity Council

Legacy Board

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity

Plans after graduation:

To pursue a master's degree in college student personnel and then work at a university somewhere in the southeast



Kelly Hollingsworth

Major: Public Relations

Hometown: Magee, Miss.

Organizations:

Kappa Delta Sorority

CPC-President

Legacy Board

SGA

Eagle Connection

Plans after graduation:

To attend law school and pursue a career as an attorney



Brian Hudson

Major: Kinesiotherapy

Hometown: Clinton, Miss.

Organizations:

Dean's List

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity-

President

Southern Style

SGA

NAACP

Plans after graduation:

To start my own rehabilitation center somewhere in the southeastern region



Lekeba Jackson

Major: Biological Sciences-Pre-dental

Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Organizations:

Golden Key International

Honour Society

Luckday Team President

Southern Style 2004

Omicron Delta Kappa

I.M.A.G.E.-Treasurer

Plans after graduation:

To pursue a job as a quality control manager in the pilot research division of a corporate company and to enroll in dental school in the Fall of 2007



Luke Johnson

Major: Business Administration

Hometown: Laurel, Miss.

Organizations:

Southern Miss Football-

Team Captain

Student Athlete Advisory

Committee

Fellowship of Christian

Athletes

Baptist Student Union

Christian Services Center

Plans after graduation:

To attend seminary



Jonathan Krebs

Major: Management

Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Organizations:

SGA-President

Eaglepalooza-Director

Richard Vreeland

Management Scholar

Headvae Honoree

Business Student Advisory

Council

Plans after graduation:

To make it up when he gets there



Erin Lambert

Major: Speech Communication

Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Organizations:

Chi Omega Sorority-New Member Educator
Southern Style

Eagle Connection
Speech Communication Association-Treasurer
Just Over the Rainbow Theatre-Board Member

Plans after graduation:
To attend graduate school in speech communication



Alicia Lane

Major: Marketing

Hometown: Pearl, Miss.

Organizations:

SGA-Treasurer
Delta Delta Delta Sorority-VP of Finance, VP of PR
Honors College Ambassador
National Tylenol Scholar
Eagle Connection-President

Plans after graduation:
To pursue a masters of business administration in Fall 2006 or attend law school and specialize in corporate mediation



Lauren Lestremali

Major: Psychology

Hometown: Slidell, La.

Organizations:

Outstanding Freshman Female
Delta Gamma Sorority-VP Membership
Rho Chi 2005
President's List

Golden Key International Honour Society

Plans after graduation:
To attend occupational therapy school



Ryan Mahoney

Major: Political Science

Hometown: Mandeville, La.

Organizations:

Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
Southern Style 2004
SGA-Attorney General
Campus Crusade for Christ-Worship Leader

IFC Judicial Board
Plans after graduation:
To pursue a career in intelligence and research with the United States Government



Adam Moore

Major: Human Resource Management

Hometown: Germantown, Tenn

Organizations:

Army ROTC-Executive Officer
Honors College Ambassador
Omicron Delta Kappa-VP
National Society of Scabbard & Blade-President

Outstanding Freshman Male
Plans after graduation:
To serve as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army



Stephanie Napier

Major: Psychology

Hometown: Mandeville, La.

Organizations:

Greekseekers
Southern Style 2004
Eagle Connection-President
Order of Omega

Delta Delta Delta Sorority
Plans after graduation:
To attend grad school to pursue a Ph.D. in counseling psychology



Jonathan Palmer

Major: Speech Communication

Hometown: Tyler, Texas

Organizations:

Golden Key International Honour Society
Varsity Football Letterman
Baptist Student Union
Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Plans after graduation:
To pursue a career in the speech communication field of study and eventually travel around the country being a motivational speaker through the venue of athletes and Jesus Christ



Janet Payne

Major: Graphic Communication

Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.

Organizations:

The Southerner-Editor
Chi Omega Sorority
Phi Kappa Phi

Omicron Delta Kappa Union Advisory Board
Plans after graduation:
To pursue a career as a graphic designer in the advertising industry



Jennifer Phillips

Major: Psychology

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

Organizations:

Delta Gamma Sorority
Psi Chi Honor Society
Psychology Club
Order of Omega
The Legacy

Plans after graduation:
To attend graduate school for counseling psychology and become a counselor or a therapist



David Sarton

Major: English

Hometown: Ridgeland, Miss.

Organizations:

Stage Monkeys Comedy Improv
SGA

Honors Student Association-
Secretary

Transfer Leadership Board
Omicron Delta Kappa

Plans after graduation:

To pursue a Ph.D. in American
literature, teach at the college
level and write amateur
sketch comedy



Elizabeth Scanlan

Major: Information
Technology

Hometown: Mobile, Ala.

Organizations:

Pi Beta Phi Sorority
Women in Science

Engineering and
Technology

Order of Omega
Student Staff Advisory
Council

Plans after graduation:

To attend graduate school
and obtain a master's
degree in business
administration



Pamela Scott

Major: Business Technology
Education

Hometown: Yazoo City, Miss.

Organizations:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.-
Secretary

Golden Key International
Honour Society

Leadership Scholar
CPC-Treasurer

Order of Omega-Treasurer

Plans after graduation:

To become an effective
business educator and pursue
a doctoral degree with hopes of
establishing an etiquette school
and printing firm



Pelleree Steadman

Major: International
Studies and Spanish

Hometown:

Hattiesburg, Miss.

Organizations:

Phi Alpha Theta History
Honour Society-President
English Language Institute
Volunteer

Indian Students Association

Vietnam Study Abroad
Program

Plans after graduation:

To attend law school for a
career in immigration law



Monica Stevens

Major: Psychology

Hometown: Laurel, Miss.

Organizations:

Outstanding
Undergraduate Research in
Psychology Award
Psi Chi

Luckday Scholar
Honors College

Ambassador

APA Student Affiliate

Plans after graduation:

To pursue a Ph.D. in
clinical psychology and
conduct research in
adolescent psychology



Cherie' Kay Thriffiley

Major: Hospitality
Management

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

Organizations:

Kappa Delta Sorority-President
Southern Style

Omicron Delta Kappa-
Secretary

SGA-Homecoming Director
CPC President of the Year 2005

Plans after graduation:

To pursue a career in the
tourism industry planning
special events



Chris Walker

Major: Accounting

Hometown: Brandon, Miss.

Organizations:

Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity
Greek Man of the Year 2005

Southern Style

The Legacy

Tennis Team

Plans after graduation:

To attend graduate school
for a master's in accounting
and work in the auditing
department of Horne CPA
Group after graduation in
Jan. 2007



Lauren Ward

Major: History Education

Hometown: Long Beach, Miss.

Organizations:

Chi Omega Sorority
CPC-VP of Educational

Programming

Head Rho Chi

Junior Panhellenic Council-
Advisor

SGA-Judicial Review Board
Freshman Leadership Council

Plans after graduation:

To teach high school history
and then get a master's in
administrative education



Shamika Wright

Major: Chemistry

Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Organizations:

Alpha Epsilon Delta-VP of
Internal Relations

I.M.A.G.E.

AASO-Secretary

Golden Key International
Honour Society-Webmaster

Luckday Leadership Team

Plans after graduation:

To attend the University of
Mississippi Medical Center in
August to study to become a
pediatrician

HALL OF FAME

our highest distinction

The Hall of Fame represents the highest distinction a student may achieve at Southern Miss. These students have exhibited the highest levels of scholarship, extraordinary leadership and campus involvement, and have made a meaningful impact on the quality of life at Southern Miss. They have each fulfilled the challenge of leaving Southern Miss better than they found it. *Courtesy of Dr. Joe Paul*



ROSELYN IVEREN AHUA

Roselyn Iveren Ahua, a Hattiesburg, Miss. native, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Ahua. Roselyn is a biological sciences major and would like to attend an accredited school of optometry after graduation. She aspires to someday own a private optometry practice and educational program.

Roselyn has received many honors at Southern Miss. Some of these include the University Foundation Scholarship, the Honors College Scholarship, the Mississippi Alliance for Minority Participation Scholarship, the Leadership Scholarship, the Academic Excellence Scholarship and the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant.

Many organizations have benefited from Roselyn's involvement. Some of these are "The Southerner", IMAGE, Golden Eagle Welcome Week Crew, The Legacy and NSBE. She is the co-founder of the Future Optometrists Association. Roselyn has also been active in the Student Government Association, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Beta Beta Beta, IMAGE, Picture Perfect Models, Eagle Connection, University Activities Council, Southern Style and the African American Student Organization.

Roselyn's community service contributions include disaster relief supply distribution at First Baptist Church, the American Heart Association Heart Walk and Operation Christmas Child.

CHRISTOPHER CHARLES RANKIN ARINDER

Christopher Charles Rankin Arinder is an accounting and personal financial planning major from Columbia, Miss. He is the son of Lanny and Carolyn Arinder. Christopher aspires to become a certified public accountant and a certified financial planner after graduation.

The Order of Omega, Lambda Sigma and Golden Key International Honor Society are just a few of the organizations Christopher has joined. He was also Greek Man of the Year and Omicron Delta Kappa's Most Outstanding Freshman Male of the Year.

Christopher is active in Sigma Chi Fraternity where he was vice president. He was the treasurer of the 2005-2006 Student Government Association. Christopher was also involved in the Interfraternity Council, Southern Style, Campus Crusade and The Legacy.

Several community service organizations have welcomed Christopher's participation. These include Aldersgate Mission, Habitat for Humanity and the Children's Miracle Network.



HALL OF FAME



BRANDON JAMES BELOTE

Brandon James Belote is a theatrical design and technology major from Vienna, Va. He is the son of Bill and Brenda Belote. Brandon received many honors while attending Southern Miss. He was the 2005 Student Activities Outstanding Student Officer of the Year and the 2005 IFC Outstanding President of the Year. Brandon was also awarded the Martha R. Tatum Scholarship and the Levis Gertler Scholarship.

Brandon is active in Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and was both president and treasurer of the organization. He was also president of The Legacy and the Freshman Leadership Council. Brandon served the Office of First Year Experience as Golden Eagle Welcome Week Director for three years. The Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society and Student Government Association Cabinet rounded out Brandon's organizations.

CAROLYN JEAN BROOKS

Carolyn Jean Brooks is a speech communication major from Jackson, Miss. She is the daughter of James and Jean Brooks. Carolyn would like to teach and research speech communication after graduation. She also plans to serve as a health consultant/public speaker for a health agency.

Carolyn received many honors while attending Southern Miss. She was awarded the Don George Award for Academic Excellence, the Dedication of Excellence Scholarship for Alpha Phi Alpha, the Resident Assistant Scholastic Award and the Outstanding Freshman Award. Carolyn was also chosen as the 2005 Miss Southern Miss. She is a McNair Scholar and a member of Golden Key International Honour Society.

Many organizations benefited from Carolyn's participation. These include the Speech Communication Association, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Lambda Delta, National Resident Hall Honorary, Resident Assistant Advisory Board, Freshman Associates, NAACP and Lambda Sigma. She was a resident assistant, assistant hall director and a hall director.

Carolyn volunteered at many places in the Hattiesburg community, including the City Hall Department of Public Relations, Bonhomie Apartments and the Boys and Girls Club of Hattiesburg.





AMÁZIAH TRISHATA QIANA COLEMAN

Amaziah TriShata Qiana Coleman is a biological sciences major from Richton, Miss. She is the daughter of Ms. Roy Ann Coleman. Amaziah aspires to attend medical school and become a pediatrician.

Amaziah received several honors while attending Southern Miss. These included a McNair Scholarship, the Dr. Kenneth and Regina Williams Pre Medical Scholarship and membership in Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society and Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society.

Two organizations claimed Amaziah as their president. She was the president of IMAGE and Alpha Epsilon Delta. She was on the executive team for the Luckyday Scholars Program, an ambassador for the College of Science and Technology and an ambassador for the Honors College. Amaziah was a member of Southern Style, Future Medical Doctors Association, Honors Student Association, Catalyst Staff and Afro-American Student Organization.

Amaziah served the community by volunteering at Forrest General Hospital and the Children's Medical Group at the Wesley Medical Center. She also participated in the Relay for Life and the American Heart Walk.

JONATHAN MCLEOD KREBS

Jonathan McLeod Krebs is a business management major from Hattiesburg, Miss. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Krebs. He has received many honors throughout his time at Southern Miss. Jonathan was awarded the Richard Vreeland Marketing Scholarship. He was also a guest speaker at the Leadership Scholar's Forum.

Jonathan has served as both the president and vice president of the Student Government Association. He was a member of the Business Student Advisory Council, Golden Key International Honour Society and the Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties. He was also the president of Firstteam with First Baptist Church, and he was a co-instructor for the Luckday class.

Jonathan's community involvement includes a missionary trip to both Zambia and China. He was also the student campaign director for the Southern Miss Bond Issue and the co-author of the Student Government Association Constitution.



HALL OF FAME

ERIN LOUISE LAMBERT

Erin Louise Lambert is a speech communication major from Hattiesburg, Miss. She is the daughter of Paul Richard Lambert and Dean Meador Smith. Erin plans to attend graduate school for speech communications and doctoral school in administration in higher education.

Erin has been awarded many honors while at Southern Miss. She was the 2005 Homecoming Queen. She was also a leadership scholar and a member of Golden Key International Honour Society. In 2003, Erin received the USM Freshman CLASS Award and was a Chi Omega Model Pledge.

There were many organizations at Southern Miss that Erin decided to join. These included Chi Omega Fraternity, Southern Style, Gamma Rho Chi, Campus Crusade for Christ, Eagle Connection, Speech Communication Association and the Student Government Association. She was a member of the Southern Misses Dance Team and the Leadership Planning Team. Erin participated in the British Studies Program in 2004.

Erin's community involvement included participation in the Just Over the Rainbow Theatre, the Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera, the USM Language Institute and the Oak Grove United Methodist Church Choir.



RYAN MATTHEW MAHONEY

Ryan Matthew Mahoney is a political science major from Mandeville, La. He is the son of Robert and Kathy Mahoney. Ryan aspires to work in intelligence and research for a federal law enforcement agency and to move up into an appointed position in the United States President's Cabinet.

Ryan has received many honors throughout his years at Southern Miss. He was a Leadership Scholar and a Regional Scholar. He was also the Judicial Board Member of the Year. Ryan was a member of Golden Key International Honour Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Lambda Sigma Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Ryan's campus activities have included numerous leadership positions in Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He was also Attorney General for the Student Government Association, a GEWW Director and a member of Southern Style, Campus Crusade for Christ, Eagle Connection, Greek Seekers and the IFC Judicial Board.

Community involvement is important to Ryan. He participated in Habitat for Humanity, United Way and Toys for Tots.





CHERIE' KAY THRIFFILEY

Cherie' Kay Thriffiley is a hospitality management major from Kenner, La. She is the daughter of Alan and Patty Thriffiley. Cherie' Kay would like to pursue a career in the hotel industry with a concentration in event planning.

Cherie' Kay was a Leadership Scholar, and she received a Hospitality Management scholarship, a Foundation Scholarship and a Regional Award. She was the Freshman Leadership Council Outstanding Freshman, the CPC 2005 President of the Year, the Kappa Delta Sorority 2002 Emerging Leader, the Kappa Delta Sorority Model Member and she received the Kappa Delta Sorority Debbie Murphy Memorial Award. She was also a member of Eta Sigma Delta, Lambda Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Order of Omega honor societies.

Cherie' Kay was a member of Freshman Associates, Golden Girls, Catholic Student Association, Campus Crusade for Christ, the Student Government Association and Eagle Connection. Her other activities included Southern Style, The Legacy, Greek Seekers, Intramurals and GAMMA. She was a Junior Panhellenic Delegate, a GEWW Director, a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and a participant in the 2005 British Studies Program.

Community involvement is important to Cherie' Kay. While at Southern Miss, she volunteered with Forrest General Hospital, Hurricane Katrina Relief and Prevent Child Abuse America. She was also involved at St. Thomas Church.

CHRISTOPHER GLENN WALKER

Christopher Glenn Walker is the son of Glenn and Cindy Walker of Brandon, Miss. Chris received his degree in accounting in Dec. 2005. He is now working on his masters in public accountancy. Following graduation next year, Chris will begin working at Horne LLP. After becoming a certified public accountant, Chris would like to become the controller and eventually chief financial officer of a private corporation.

Chris was awarded a Leadership Scholarship, a Jackson Alumni Association Scholarship, The Allstate Foundation Scholarship, the Alfred and Doris Breeland Scholarship and an Athletic Association Tennis Scholarship. He was named Greek Man of the Year in 2005 and was also awarded the Phi Kappa Tau Bob Benefield Most Outstanding Campus Leadership Award, the USM Athletic Association Silver Medal Award and Team GPA Award.

Besides being a member of the Southern Miss Tennis Team, Southern Style, the vice president of administrative affairs for the Interfraternity Council, and a member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, he was also involved in the Student Government Association, The Legacy, Baptist Student Union, Omicron Delta Kappa, Beta Alpha Psi, Lambda Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta and the Order of Omega.

He volunteered at Loyaltown Retirement Home, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Zoo-Boo at the Hattiesburg Zoo, Adopt-a-Highway and Habitat for Humanity.



OUTSTANDING FRESHMEN

future campus leaders



Telia Brewer

Hometown: Vicksburg, Miss.

Organizations:

Kappa Delta Sorority
Luckyday Scholar
Freshmen Associates
Freshman Homecoming Maid
Southern Miss Choir
Lambda Sigma Honor Society



Mary Katherine Gwin

Hometown: Vicksburg, Miss.

Organizations:

Leadership Scholarship
Ambassador
University Activities Council-
(Special Projects Chair)
Catholic Student Organization
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor
Society
Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

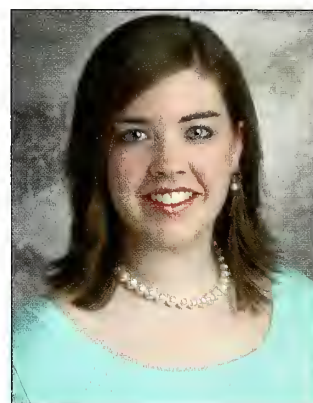


Hannah Rachal

Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Organizations:

Delta Gamma Sorority-
(Philanthropy Director)
Luckyday Scholar
Leadership Scholar
Roots and Shoots
Environmental Group
Luckyday Freshmen Council

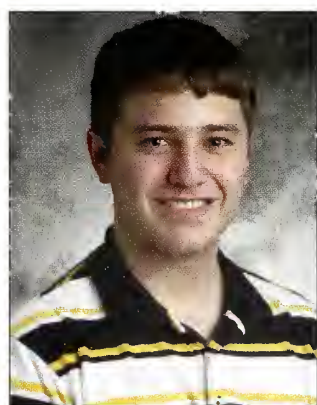


Machel Weinacker

Hometown: Mobile, AL

Organizations:

Delta Gamma Sorority-
(Director of Activities)
Leadership Scholar
Freshman Associates
Greek Seekers
Alpha Lambda Delta
Phi Eta Sigma



Bentley Anderson

Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Organizations:

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity-
(Treasurer)
Student Government
Association Senator
Leadership Scholar
Catholic Student Association
Executive Board
Academic Scholar



Dustin Boone

Hometown: Laurel, Miss.

Organizations:

Leadership Scholar
Honors College Ambassador
Freshmen Associates-
(Social Committee)
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor
Society
Phi Eta Sigma
Baptist Student Union



Omari Pittman

Hometown: Jackson, Miss.

Organizations:

Freshmen Associates-
(Vice President)
University Activities Council
Concert Choir
African American Student
Organization
Picture Perfect Models-
(Social Chair)



Paul Saputo

Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Organizations:

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity-
(Academic Committee Chair)
Honors College
Presidential Scholar
Jazz Lab Band
Saxophone Orchestra

MOST OUTSTANDING FRESHMEN

standing out above the rest



Gail Sims

Gail Olivia Sims is the daughter of Dudley and Jane Sims. She is from Meridian, Miss.

Gail is a member of the Honors College and has received an Academic Excellence Scholarship as well as a Luckyday Citizenship Scholarship. Gail joined Freshman Associates and The Legacy this year. She is also active at the Baptist Student Union, and she is on the Southern Miss cheerleading squad.

Volunteering is important to Gail, and she shows this by volunteering four hours a week at the Wesley Medical Center.



Paul Hancock

Paul Brennen Hancock is the son of Leslie and David Hancock. He is from Jackson, Miss.

Brennen is a member of the Honors College and a Presidential Scholar. He is also the social chair for Freshman Associates and the vice president of risk management for the Junior Inter Fraternity Council.

At Southern Miss, Brennen has joined Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He is the public relations chair for his fraternity, and he participates in intramural tennis, bowling, football and basketball. He is also a member of the PUSH America committee for Pi Kappa Phi.

Athletics has been an integral part of Southern Miss since its inception in 1912. The first teams consisted of the more common sports for men, basketball, baseball and football. The college even had women's teams including softball, tennis and basketball. Many of these teams faced very unconventional opponents in their first games. The football team for example played the Boy Scouts in Kamper Park. Locations for games were initial problems the program faced. Originally, there were few athletic facilities. There was no baseball complex, and the Rock was only a distant dream. The teams were forced to play wherever they could. This is a far cry from the current facilities for both intramural and varsity sports which shows the drastic growth the athletics program has achieved in the last 94 years.



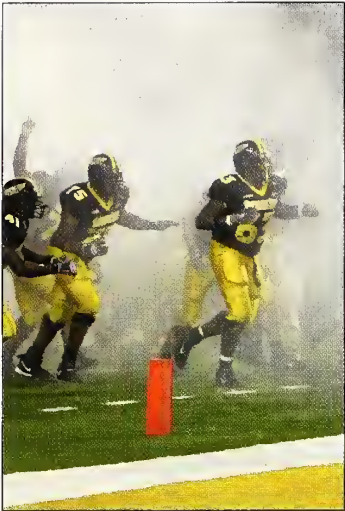
SPORTS

Despite this explosion of growth, athletics did have its setbacks. During World War II while many of the coaches and former players were off at war, the program was almost completely suspended. However, after the war ended the athletic program continued to see monumental growth, and in the 1950's the football team experienced the only perfect season in Southern Miss history. The class of 1958 was not only undefeated, but never even tied a game. Although this season hasn't been replicated, many improvements have been made. The fan base of all the teams has grown as the years progressed. Many less common sports such as intramural rugby have been added, and many star players such as Brett Favre and star coaches such as M.K. Turk have led Southern Miss to countless victories and titles. The acquisition of athletic prowess and improvement is an ongoing part of the Southern Miss legacy. *Story by Chris Mills*



DOMINATING THE FIELD

football



Players stampede through the smoke onto the field before the Tulsa game. This is a tradition before every home game that really gets the crowd excited. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*



Quarterback Dustin Almond from Orange Park, Fla. makes a throw during the game against Memphis. Almond is a candidate for All-Conference USA. *Photo by Chris Poyne*



Cody Hull from Hattiesburg, Miss., tackles opponents during the home game against Tulsa. As a running back, Hull is a key participant on this season's special teams.

Photo by Brion Touchstone

Despite a host of disappointments and set backs, the Golden Eagle football team finished the 2005 regular season with a winning 6-5 overall record and prepared itself for the New Orleans Bowl to be held in Lafayette, La.

In a press-conference on Nov. 28, Golden Eagles Head Coach Jeff Bower said "It was an unusual year, you never got on a rhythm; there was no rhythm and no routine."

Southern Miss Athletic Director, Richard Giannini said, "I think it's one of the strangest seasons we've ever had."

The season was riddled with set backs, a number of pre-season injuries and, of course, hurricanes Katrina and Rita reeked havoc on the play schedule and created a difficult situation for the Eagles.

Bradley Warshaur, sports editor for the Student Printz, said, "They had a winning season even with a lot of off-field distractions and this says something about the ability of the team."

The season opened with a hard-fought 21-30 loss to Alabama, but the Eagles bounced back from this to win their next two games against McNeese State 48-20 at home and then again against East Carolina 33-7. The season continued to be very unpredictable when the Eagles fell in their first conference defeat to Tulsa 17-34 after their two game winning streak, but went on to defeat both UCF 52-31 and UAB 37-28. After these two wins the Eagles lost another tight non-conference game to North Carolina State 17-21, but redeemed themselves with a conference victory over Marshall 27-24. This victory was overshadowed, however, by the two historic games to follow in which the Eagles were defeated in two conference games, first by Houston 24-27 and then the next week by Memphis 22-24 before they defeated Tulane 26-7 to finish the season on top.

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Tom Johnson, a senior from Moss Point, Miss., tackles a UCF player during the homecoming game. Southern Miss won over UCF by a striking 21 points.

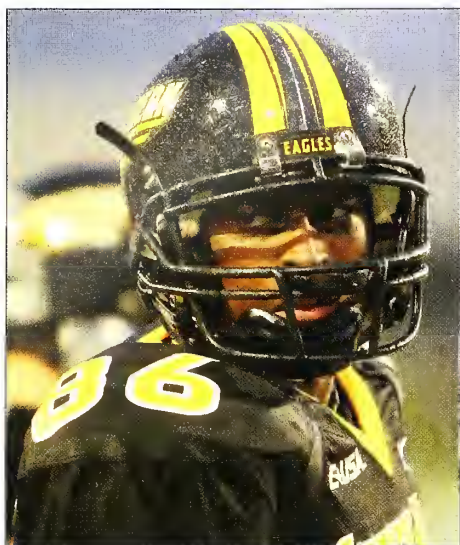
Photo by Elizabeth Keenon

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Kevis Coley, a senior from Palatka, Fla., was chosen by Head Coach Jeff Bower as this year's Most Valuable Player. Coley, #45, is a starting linebacker as well as a key player on special teams. This year Coley is nominated as an All-Conference USA Candidate.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Wide receiver Ivory Bradshaw prepares to take the field at the game against Tulane. Southern Miss dominated the field and won this game by 19 points.

Photo by Chris Payne



Sophomore Larry Thomas tries to avoid a McNeese St. defender. Thomas is the starting running back. *Photo by Chris Payne*



Senior defensive back John Eubanks makes a return after a McNeese St. punt. Eubanks made the 2004 C-USA Special Teams, All-American, and Player of the Year. *Photo by Chris Payne*

Warshaur said, "This year the team had new offensive and defensive coordinators, but for the most part the team consisted of the same players and achieved about the same end result as last year."

The team consisted of mainly return players but many, including coach Bower and Giannini, believe that the senior players on the team were a pivotal force in arriving at a bowl contention.

Although the team lost some high profile games, such as the match-up with conference rival University of Memphis, the team only lost by a small margin. Bower and Warshaur both agree that these losses were not the product of a bad team but of small errors that really make the difference in close games.

Jeff Bower said that one problem he felt the team had was a lack of depth in some positions and he hoped to alleviate this problem with the incoming players.

"Just like any other program, your life blood is recruiting," Bower said "We've got to do a good job there."

The Eagles managed to end their season with a 5-3 record in Conference USA gaining them a place in the New Orleans Bowl against Arkansas State University who finished 5-2 in the conference. Through all of the set backs that loomed over the team in the last weeks, one thing became certain about the Golden Eagles; they are an unstoppable force that can recover from anything. *Story By Chris Mills*



The defense took their positions against Mississippi at the Rock in this tough game the Eagles managed to make 78 tackles.

Photo by Chris Payne



Football, 1980 Photo from USM Archives

FOOTBALL IN THE PAST

Football is a growing sport at The University of Southern Mississippi. Assistant head football coach Randy Butler attributed the growth of the gridiron sport to the renovated athletic center and the university's membership in Conference USA. The two-floor, 60,000 square-foot athletic center, which opened in 2003, has provided more space for the coaching staff and the football team. Since they joined the C-USA, the team has increased its visibility on television from once a year to four or five times a season. Butler said that both of these improvements are great recruiting tools.

"When you can show a kid four championships rings, and he sees us playing on ESPN, it helps in recruiting," Coach Butler said.

Looking back, Coach Butler, an alumnus of the university, said he has seen many outstanding players and unforgettable moments at Southern Miss. Harold Shaw, Cedric Scott, Adalius Thomas, T.J. Slaughter, Sherrod Gideon, Todd Pinkston, Jeff Kelly and Derrick Nix are some of the players he thinks went beyond the average yard. Butler said the 1977 season was one of his favorites because they were able to defeat Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Auburn. Coach Butler admits his favorite game of all-time was the 2003 TCU game, where the Eagles defeated the Horned Frogs 40 to 28.

"That was a great, great atmosphere. That was one of the best moments at the stadium [Rock]. It was just a very exciting time. I wish it could be like that every week," he said.

Looking forward, Coach Butler believes the football program will grow brighter and brighter every year. Story by Justin Smith



Brett Farve, 1990 Photo from USM Archives



Senior quarterback Dustin Almond prepares to make a pass while his teammates block the opponents. The Eagles were victorious over Arkansas State University 31-19 in the New Orleans Bowl.
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RISING TO THE TOP

new orleans bowl

Wide receiver Tavarres Williams, a sophomore from Palatka, Fla., surveys his options after catching the pass.



Tight end Bryant Carpenter, a freshmen from Orlando, Fla., runs for a touchdown.



Shawn Nelson, a freshmen from Gonzales, La., receives this trophy for game MVP after the New Orleans Bowl. After being recruited by Indiana, Mississippi State, Louisiana Tech and Tulane, Nelson chose to play for Southern Miss as a tight end.



Senior defensive back Trevis Coley, a coaching and sport administration major from Palatka, Fla., tackles an Arkansas State player.

The University of Southern Mississippi's Golden Eagle football team faced the Arkansas State Indians in the New Orleans Bowl in Lafayette, La., on Dec 20, 2005.

This was a pivotal game for both universities. It was the Golden Eagle's fourth consecutive bowl game and the Indian's first post season appearance since 1987 and their first ever Division One bowl appearance. From the outset the game had high stakes, and the opening plays proved to be trying for Golden Eagle fans as the Eagles were stopped in their first two ball carries by fumbles lost to Arkansas State. Although these opening moments started off shaky for Southern Miss, they came back to defeat Arkansas State 31-19 and finish the season with a winning 7-5 record.

The first quarter of the game was scoreless, and at halftime the two teams were tied at 10, a first in the history of the New Orleans Bowl. The trend was stopped in the third quarter, however, when the Eagles pulled out in front with a 24-19 lead. It was in this quarter that the prospects of an overtime game were squandered as Arkansas State scored a safety on a bad snap made by Southern Miss.

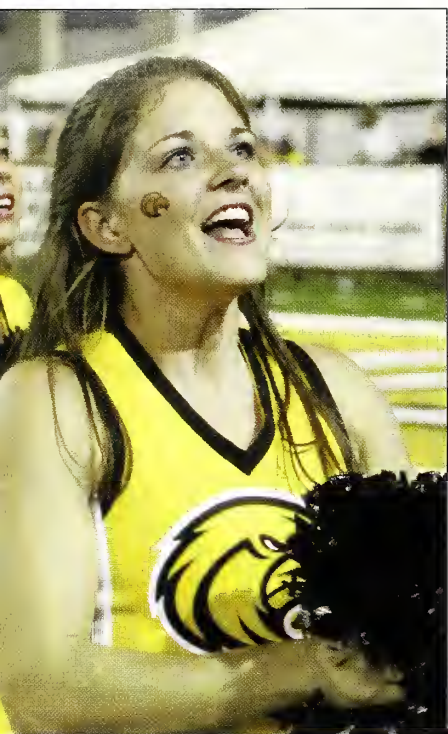
In the final quarter of the game, Arkansas State began to make the same mistakes that Southern Miss made in the beginning of the game. The Indians lost the ball once to Southern Miss for a touchdown and remained scoreless throughout the remainder of the fourth quarter.

Two Golden Eagles, Cody Hull and Shawn Nelson, who each set new records for both their careers and the bowl game, primarily dominated the game. Shawn Nelson, who was also named the New Orleans Bowl MVP, scored two touchdowns in the last half of the game leading Southern Miss to their incredible win. Cody Hull lead the game in rushing yards and also scored a touchdown in the third quarter to help seal the victory for Southern Miss.

"It was a good way to end the season," Luke Johnson, Eagles senior punter, said in the "Hattiesburg American" printed the day after the monumental win for Southern Miss, "It's hard to believe it came to an end this quick, but it was a good ride." *Story by Chris Mills*

ADMINISTERING THE SPIRIT

the cheerleaders and seymour



Brooke Ann Robinson, a freshman elementary education major from Mize, MS has dreamed of being a cheerleader for Southern Miss every since she was a little girl. She always came to the games when she was younger and was captivated by the cheerleaders.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Cheerleaders entertain the stands by building complex pyramids during a home football game at The Rock.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher



The Southern Miss cheerleaders pump up the stands with the crowd-pleasing and interactive "Nasty Bunch" cheer.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Cheerleaders are the people that the team and crowd depend on to keep the games exciting. Without them there would be no one to lead the crowd in the "Nasty Bunch" or the Southern Miss fight song. There would be no one to amaze the crowd with those gravity-defying stunts of theirs. They make it all look so easy and fun-like it is their life to cheer and pump the crowd up. These guys have a lot on their plate. Who pays for all of their outfits? Who pays for those competitions they attend and, of course, win? Do they have to pay for all of that stuff and the costs of college? How much does it cost to be a cheerleader?

Southern Miss's cheerleaders mean a lot to this university. The university is generous enough to pay for the teams' outfits. The all girl squad has 12 uniforms in all and the co-ed squad has 20 uniforms in all. Each of the uniforms cost about \$150 a piece. That comes to a total of \$1,800 for an all girls squad team member and \$3,000 for a co-ed squad team member. Together it adds up to be \$4,800.

The university also provides the team with an allowance of up to \$20 for snacks at away games. On top of the university paying for the uniforms and giving them a little money for food, they award the cheerleaders with a scholarship ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

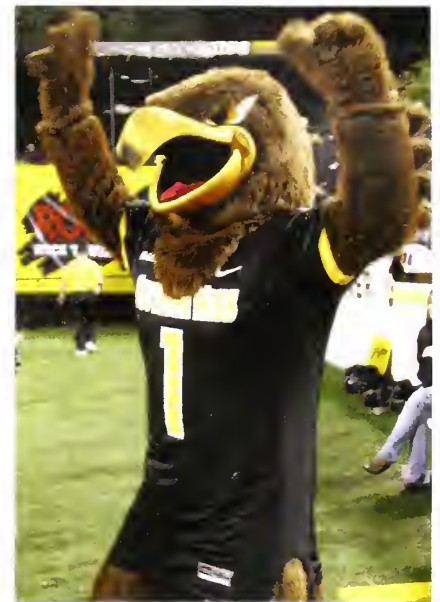
The cheerleading uniforms are expensive, but competition costs more. The National Competition ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This is where the university gives the cheerleaders a chance to experience the 'real world'. They hold fundraisers to raise all of the money for this competition.

Ultimately the cheerleaders only end up paying \$25, which is the application fee. The university takes care of their cheerleaders, and the cheerleaders take care of their university. No one can resist a good cheer, especially those Southern Miss' cheerleaders chant so well. Southern Miss.... To the top!! Story by Tabitha Williams

SEYMOUR IN THE PAST

From tigers to yellow jackets, Southern Miss has had its share of mascots. The earliest mascot to represent the black and gold of Southern Miss was the tiger. Soon after the tiger, in 1924, a swarming yellow jacket took over. With a name change under its belt, the university decided that it was only fitting to have a new mascot, so the next in line to be mascot was the confederate. After a short run as the Confederates, the name "Southerners" was adopted. It was not until 1972 that Seymour d'Campus took over Southern Mississippi as the official mascot.

Seymour, named for the 1984 World's Fair mascot, underwent major bird reconstruction in the fall of 2005. "We wanted to take on more of the persona of the sports team," said Greg Herring director of Athletic Marketing. Story by Tonya Jenkins



At the beginning of the 2005 football season, the crowd was surprised by a Seymour with an all-new look. Being the mascot serves as a part-time job. It rotates between three students who must retain good grades, attend workshops and stay physically fit. Ultimately, these three students work to set the prime example of school spirit for fellow Golden Eagles
Photo by Jennifer Petcher



Seymour, 1993

Kim Turner, a coaching and sports administration major from Belfast, Northern Ireland, takes control of the ball in this game against Rice University. Turner is a returning junior and serves as the starting center midfielder.

Photo by Matika Wilson



Sophomore Erin Bunyard guards the ball from her opponent. Bunyard is a returning defender to the team who played in 10 matches as freshmen.

Photo by Matika Wilson



ACHIEVING THE GOAL

women's soccer



Megan Kolts, a sophomore from Suwannee, Ga., and Katie McClary, a senior from Collinsville, Ill., work together for the Lady Eagles. Kolts is a forward and midfielder, and McClary plays defender.
Photo by Matika Wilson

Although the Southern Miss soccer team had a rocky season this year, the team and head coach Gail Macklin have taken this in stride. They look forward to improvements that will be made for next season.

Macklin explained that the schedule for this year's season was very mentally taxing and was one of the major factors in the team's difficulty. The team played seven straight away games against incredibly competitive teams such as Central Florida, the game that Macklin said was the most devastating for Eagle morale.

In the game versus Central Florida, Southern Miss was in the lead with a little more than a minute on the clock when Central Florida tied the game and came back to win in overtime.

"We all view success in different ways," Macklin said. "By just scores, no we were not very successful, but we are in a very competitive conference and we lost five games in double overtime."

Macklin added that the team's progress can be seen from season to season. This year the team was very competitive, but not quite strong enough to grip the games like Central Florida. Strength is an aspect that Macklin believes can be built through three main channels: recruitment, scheduling and fundraising. Macklin has recruited state champion high school players from around the region and increased the intensity of the non-conference schedule in order to better prepare the team for difficult conference games. In addition she hopes to have substantial fundraising activities to improve the playing facilities on campus.

The determination of the soccer team and the amazing commitment and leadership Coach Macklin gives to the team demonstrates how excellence is achieved. Although the statistics seem to be negative, the Golden Eagle soccer team has made this season a building block to a stronger future, and they will strive to continue their trend of increasing prowess as seasons come. *Story by Chris Mills*

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Monica Stephens, a senior from Avaredo, Texas, was nominated as the soccer MVP this season for her four years of tremendous records in assists. Coach Gail Macklin commends Stephens for her high performance level throughout the season even with a torn miniscus in her knee. Stephens exemplifies aspects of a Lady Eagle on and off the field and will be receiving the Lady Eagle Award this year.

Photo Submitted by Athletics

SOCCER IN THE PAST

In relation to other sports such as football and baseball, soccer is a relatively new sport to The University of Southern Mississippi. The sport began at Southern Miss in 1997 and has gone through only a couple of coaching transitions. The current coach, Gail Macklin said that the history of soccer at the university, however small it is, is one of success in that the team is always solid and very competitive in their conference.

"The program has always had a good foundation," Coach Macklin said. "However, when a new coach comes in, the recruitment essentially starts from scratch."

Macklin said that the initial seasons for the university were very positive, the first year the team played it was ranked fifth in a ranking of freshman year teams. The success the team had early on was under other coaches who relied on time to build a strong team. This philosophy has also been adopted by Macklin who said that within a matter of two years she can establish a much stronger team. The transition time between coaches in any sport is difficult and this coupled with the tragedies of Hurricane Katrina and a relentless away game schedule made this season incredibly taxing on the Golden Eagles women's soccer team. *Story by Chris Mills*



Soccer Photo from USM Archives

TRAVELING THE DISTANCE

track and cross country

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Senior Raquel Washington was chosen as this year's track MVP. Washington, a native of Gulfport, Miss., is ranked number seven nationally in hurdles. Washington has won the conference USA Outdoor Track Championships 100-meter hurdles and was second in the 400-meter hurdles, both of which were school records. Washington was also the South Regional Champion in 100-meter hurdles, as well as qualifier for NCAA championships.

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Over recent years, track and cross-country have raced into view claiming their spots on the podium of sports at Southern Miss. Not only has Southern Miss brought back the two programs, but its program consists of many scholarship recipients. The department provides 18 scholarships for women and eight scholarships for men. To maintain their scholarship and continue on the team, each member is required to maintain the GPA requirements of the NCAA.

Unlike cross-country, which begins in September, track competitions begin in January. The teams practice five to six days a week. Between the two programs there are 60 dedicated students who participate in 18 to 19 different events. The events include the 100, 200 and 800 meter dash, the mile, relays, triple jump, pole vault and high hurdle events.

Keeping the program alive, the members came full force this season by breaking records and winning events. Marcus Brown set the school's record for the weight throw, which is an indoor event. Tanika Liburd won in the long jump competition, and her 60 meter dash earned her Conference USA Athlete of the Week selection during the season. Ahmed Abdelzaher won the high jump competition at LSU where he jumped an astonishing 6 feet 11 inches.

"I think we've performed very well, but as the season goes on, I think we'll continue to improve," Wayne Williams, track and field coach, said.

Williams's prediction that the women's team would be successful held true through the season. A number of the team members have been named conference champions in different events.

Suesanna Williams, fitness administration major and native of Kingston, Jamaica, has been a participant of the sport for 10 years and is a first year member of the Southern Miss team.

"It's just a feeling you get on the track," Suesanna Williams said. "It's all about you, the person."

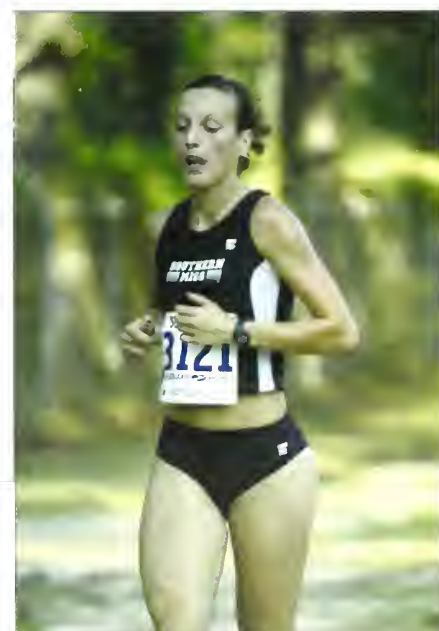
Despite rough times in the past for the Southern Miss track and cross-country teams, these two teams are making a strong comeback. They practice for hours and strive for greatness. The teams have started the race, and the finish line for greatness is in store for them. *Story by Tonya Jenkins*



Junior Tori Wells hands off the baton to senior Erica Alston in the relay competition. Wells competes in sprints, and Alston competes in jump competitions. Photo by USM Photo Services



Marcus Brown, a junior from Meridian, Miss., competes in a throws event. Brown has been nominated as MVP and Scholar Athlete of former teams. *Photo by USM Photo Services*



Dijana Kojic, a senior from Tulza, Bosnia, runs distance for the cross country team. The cross country team made top five finishes in three meets this season.

Photo from USM Athletic Media Relations

TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY IN THE PAST

The Southern Miss track and field teams have a history of success. Although the men's team did not jump into trophies when the program started in the late 40's, sprinter Donnie Young became one of the first major champions from Southern Miss. After excelling in the local competitions, Young qualified for the 1984 U.S. Olympic team. A year later there was enough interest to start a women's team. Soon after the women's team was started, the sport began claiming several victories.

Between both the women's and men's teams, Southern Miss track and field athletes have acquired numerous titles, including Indoor All-Americans in 1988 and 1989, Metro Conference Championships in 1992 and 1993, NCAA National Champions and an Outdoor All-American in 2002. In 2000, Southern Miss student Hellena Wrapph made the Olympic team in Ghana West Africa for the 200-meter competition.

With a history of high rankings, the Southern Miss track and field teams have a stable foundation to build upon. *Story by Christy Dyess*



Track, 1984. *Photo from USM Archives*



Senior Nikhila Narra from Lubbock, Texas reaches for the hit. Narra completed the fall season with a 0-4 singles record and a 4-3 doubles record.
Photo by Molly Buchanan



Sophomore Juan Garzon concentrates on his swing during a match. Garzon, native to Bogota, Colombia, finished the fall season with a 1-4 singles record and a 1-2 doubles record. *Photo by Molly Buchanan*

TENNIS IN THE PAST

The tennis teams at the The University of Southern Mississippi's have a long history; a history filled with inconsistency and struggles in the very competitive Conference USA match-ups. The first of the tennis teams to be formed was men's tennis in 1951, which was followed by women's tennis 27 years later in 1978.

In the 44 recorded seasons of men's tennis the team has a winning 593-359 win-loss record, but the women's team has a record of 240-328. Despite these bleak statistics for the women's tennis team, they are constantly improving according to Joe Trahan, a graduate assistant in the Athletics Media Relation department. Since the current coach Teddy Viator took over the men's team, they have continued to improve. *Story by Chris Mills*



Tennis Club, 1915 *Photo from USM Archives*

SWINGING WITH CONFIDENCE

men's and women's tennis

Since the change in coaching staff in both the women's and men's tennis teams, the tennis program at The University of Southern Mississippi is steadily improving.

Last year was a pivotal turning point for both teams because of a drastic improvement. The mistakes that have previously haunted the teams were corrected. The men's team finished with a 13-9 record, the first winning season since 2001, and the women's team also finished with a winning 15-8 record, the second most wins in the history of the program, which gave them 10th place in Conference USA. Many attribute these major improvements to the new head coaches for both teams: Teddy Viator for the men's team and Randy Rowley for the women's.

"Teddy has been really consistent and has been able to establish a well known program, and Randy has done a complete turn around with the women's team," Joe Trahan, a graduate assistant for the media relations department, said.

Both the men's and women's team are privileged enough to work with players from all over the world. Trahan said that many times these are the best players simply because of the popularity of the sport in their home countries. Alley Blakit, a sophomore from Bristol, England who plays on the women's team is one perfect example of this innate talent. She is one of an elite group of female players to boast twenty wins in a singles competition.

Coach Rowley said, "Our position now speaks volumes about the direction of the program and the commitment of the players as well as the administrations."

He also explained that he was certain that the team had the potential to be as good this year as they were last season, but said that the girls would have to play hard and really step up. *Story by Chris Mills*

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Reid Bougeois, a junior from River Ridge, La., was chosen as this year's tennis MVP. Bougeois had back-to-back 20-win seasons in 2004 and 2005 and has also posted the most wins on the team over the last three seasons. Bougeois has also been recognized as male athlete of the week three times.

Photo by Molly Buchanan



Sophomore Natalia Parrado from Bogota, Colombia watches her opponent as she swings with confidence. Parrado is expected to play No. 2 through No. 4 singles. *Photo by Molly Buchanan*

These Lady Eagle golfers watch the results of their hit across the green. The women's golf team placed third in the Troy University Invitational early in the season.

Photo by Bart Lombricht



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Senior Ashlea Deener from Dallas, Texas was chosen as the women's team MVP. As team captain, Deener is described by Coach Julie Gallup as a "joy to coach" and an "amazing competitor." Deener is majoring in administrative justice. Photo by Bart Lombricht

The men's golf team "got off to a really good start" according to men's head coach Steve Johnson as it averaged 288.8, which is less than 1-par over per round. Johnson said that the most memorable thing that stood out in his mind about the fall season was that despite having only two weeks of training before Hurricane Katrina hit and having to deal with the aftermath that the storm caused, his guys battled back to go on and place first in their first tournament, the Reynolds Plantation Classic.

Johnson also said that his team has made a lot of improvements since last season, which featured a team of several freshmen. This season, he notes that those freshmen have matured as players and they strive to do better. In fact, his team has had an impressive showing to date even though they finished second to Jackson State in the Troy Invitational with a 6-under-par to Jackson State's 9-under-par.

This year has proven to be senior Justin Elliot's defining year in which he finished with an average stroke of 75 and placed second in the USA Fall Beach Classic in November, shooting rounds of 70, 69 and 72 with a score of 211. Another key player to watch out for may very well be Danny Dennis another senior, who finished the fall with a scoring average of 73.9 and placed first at the Fairway Club Invitational in September with a final round of shooting at 71. Kyle Ramey who finished the fall with a scoring average of 75.1 and shot one of the season's best of 69 in the Raising Cane Classic in September has also been another stand-out player.

Julie Gallup, head women's golf coach, notes that her team has hit a stroke of 78 and 1 which is just over 79 and that her team's biggest problems are depth issues and short gains. However, her team has improved since its first match. They finished the Troy Women's Invitational with a 50 par.

Gallup credits this improvement in her team to them coming together as a group and great leadership from players such as senior, Ashley Deener, who had a stroke average of 81.4 and shot a season best of 78 at the Napa River Cardinal Cup back in September. Other players such as Jennifer Bodemann, a sophomore, also had a hand in the team's success. Gallup believes that her team will be even better next season since they will receive new depth from the addition of four new players. Story by Joseph Ezell

GOLF IN THE PAST

According to the Student Printz archives, the first time for the Southern Miss golf team to enter intercollegiate competition was in April 1947 against Delta State University. Dr. Willim Herbert Sumrall, who was also the dean of graduate studies and a professor of psychology, was listed as the coach of the team at the time.

Yvonne Arnold, who works in the McCain Library and Archives, recalled that there was a golf club, as well as classes teaching the sport, available to students before 1947.

"Earliest coaches, such as B. O. Van Hook were volunteers," Arnold said. "In Bernard Reed Green's oral history, he mentioned how the golf program really took off after Van Hook's arrival."

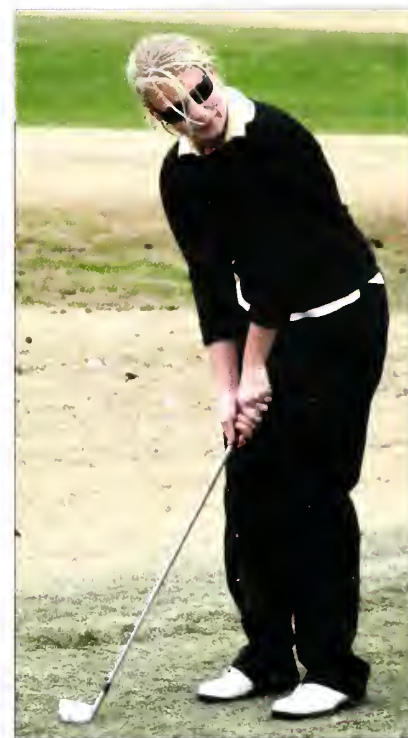
Though the golf teams at Southern Miss have come a long way since 1947, they owe thanks to the large interest in the sport then, as well as volunteers such as Van Hook for the dedication and passion needed to further the programs. Story by Christy Dyess



Bobby Goldsboro, Photo from USM Archives



se Maria Cincunegui, a freshmen from San Sebastian, Spain, takes a swing on the green. The men's team scored in the top five at five tournaments during the fall season. *Photo from USM Athletic Media Relations.*



Johanna Kristiansson, a freshmen from Lund, Sweden, hits the ball on the green. Kristiansson fired a 76 at the Troy University Invitational in Montgomery, Ala., which tied for the low round. *Photo by Bart Lambright*

STAYING THE COURSE

men's and women's golf

ASSUMING THE POSITION

fencing



Nicholas Johnston battles fiercely with George Singley. The fencing club is slowly growing with 16 members this year. *All photos by Elizabeth Keenan*

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Colin Miner was chosen by Head Instructor Donald Bratton and Assistant Instructor Virgil Breeden as this year's MVP. Miner sets an example to the club by attending practices and events, working hard and helping others with technique. Miner also shows the club that having fun is important to the sport.



Fencing, although popular around the world, remains a relatively unknown sport here in the United States, which prompts the question: what is fencing?

Fencing is the sport of sword-fighting in which two opponents face-off and try to score points off each other with their weapons while using great skill, athleticism and strategy to do so. Donald Bratton, fencing instructor at The University of Southern Mississippi goes a step further by describing it as "physical chess" since it is a sport that is very fast paced, working both the body and the mind. The sport itself dates back hundreds of years.

The fencing program at Southern Miss has actually been around since the mid 1950s, but was inactive in the 1990s. It was at that time that Bratton, with a group of friends, decided to revive the sport at Southern Miss. Bratton noted proudly that although they started with about five members, they now have about 20 and he is happy to see the recent increase in new recruits in the past seasons.

Though they have spent the last four years trying to rebuild the program, they have only begun going back to competitions in the past year. Bratton hopes that by this semester that they will start going to tournaments on a regular basis. He also said that the only thing holding the club back is their lack of electric fencing equipment, which is a problem since a lot of competitors use in what's called an "electric format."

However he said that he hopes to solve this problem by hosting a tournament at Southern Miss in the fall for which they are currently trying to gather sponsors. He also hopes to have his team enter a competition soon, possibly in the upcoming Maylay tournament in New Orleans. Bratton adds that although it has currently been delayed by Hurricane Katrina, he hopes that in the near future, that the club will be accepted into the Southern Fencing League, which is comprised of schools from all over the Southeast. Admission into the SFL will allow them to start going to tournaments on a regular basis.

"The biggest thing is there's the romantic aspect of it. It's the art of the sword, not many people know how to do it and it's interesting," Bratton said.

Bratton went on to say that fencing also gets your body in shape since it works your legs, back and shoulders. It also gives you a mental workout since it "speeds up your ability to gather and process data."

Bratton said, "In fencing you have less than half a second to figure out what your opponent is doing, decide what you're going to do, then execute that plan. It's not just a total body work out but it is a total person workout as well." *Story by Joseph Ezell*



John Blair prepares to face a teammate in a fencing battle. Usually the club meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the Payne Center.



The fencing club warms up for a demonstration on Weathersby Lawn. The club was started in 1954 but it became inactive in the mid-1990's until Donald Bratton, the current head instructor, gathered sufficient interest to reactivate the club.

SERVING THROUGH TIME

women's volleyball



Ednali Serralta, an international studies major from Puerto Rico, prepares to defend the eagles in a C-USA match against Houston.

Photo by Elizabeth Keenan



Morgan Johnson, a biological sciences major from Benton, Ill., serves to Houston in a C-USA match at the Payne Center.

Photo by Elizabeth Keenan



The Southern Miss volleyball team huddles up before the C-USA game against Houston at the Payton Center.
Photo by Elizabeth Keenan

This year's Lady Eagle volleyball team started out strong with an amazing second place finish in the Western Illinois Tournament, where they defeated both Western Illinois and Murray State.

Nicole Green, the Lady Eagle assistant volleyball coach, proudly reports that "the team had great chemistry and played really well" and was well rewarded with five wins against Western Illinois.

Our Lady Eagles managed yet another second place from the South Alabama Tournament, beating teams such as Ole Miss and South Alabama. Both of these successes were huge triumphs for our volleyball team.

Though the remainder of the season proved to be a tough one, Southern Miss worked hard to bring home victories from five games against Southeastern Louisiana and three victories against Alcorn State.

In Conference-USA matches, the team regrettably lost to Memphis in a match that was five games. Coach Green expresses her faith that the girls deserved to win that match because the "girls played amazing."

The last match of the season was a heartbreaker. After playing with amazing spirit and teamwork, the match against East Carolina at the Conference-USA Tournament ended in a third place finish.

Although a loss, Coach Green felt good about the season. She repeatedly said that "the girls played really well." *Story by Christy Dyess*

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Number 19 Jasmine Stephens was chosen as this year's Most Valuable Player. She has an excellent consistency and serves as this year's team leader. Head Coach Ricci Luyties commends her for being an outstanding hitter and blocker. A senior here at Southern Miss, Stephens has been on the team for four years.

Photo submitted by Southern Miss Athletics

VOLLEYBALL IN THE PAST

When volleyball was introduced to The University of Southern Mississippi in 1979, it was only a club sport. Thanks to Mrs. Kinlock Bell, the athletic director, it was eventually made a varsity sport.

Volleyball has trudged through eight different head coaches here at Southern Miss. Currently, the head coach position belongs to Ricci Luyties, an Olympic gold medalist in the sport.

Shirley Hill, from Media Relations, said the best match was probably against Virginia Tech in 1992 in Blacksburg, Va. The match lasted for five games.

"Southern Miss's Stephanie Rector and Virginia Tech's Lisa Pikalek put on quite an offensive show" Hill said.

Today, volleyball is proud to offer 12 full scholarships per academic year. *Story by Christy Dyess*



Volleyball, 1991. Photo from USM Archives

Travis Hall, a junior from Baton Rouge, La., guards the ball from the opponent during the game against South Alabama. As point guard, Hall helps set up Coach Eustachy's offense.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



Returning senior Jason Forte was chosen as this year's Most Valuable Player. Forte is considered a very versatile player who has been in the program for four years. As the only scholarship senior, Coach Eustachy raves that Forte has shown invaluable leadership and knowledge for the younger players.
Photo by Chris Poyné

The 2005-2006 season for Coach Larry Eustachy and the Golden Eagles basketball team has been hard fought and trying, but neither the team nor the coach have ever lost heart. They look forward to regaining the prestige the program has lost over the last couple of years.

"I don't think you can measure the season in wins and losses; I measure it in player and team experiences," Coach Eustachy said, "This team has progressed as much or more than any team I have ever coached."

Eustachy explained that the basketball team, like many other athletic programs this year, is suffering from a lack of depth and in-game experience. Despite this fact, the coach said that he was more than happy with the progress the team was making and that the attitudes the players brought to the court was by far their greatest strength.

"The character of the guys is amazing," Coach Eustachy said, "They are all good guys that listen and try really hard."

The difficulties of the team were reflected through the stigma and progression of their seventh consecutive losing season. However, this fact did not seem to deter the Eagles from treating each game like a new day. Although they stumbled against opponents such as Rice and conference rival Memphis, the coach said that through these games the team became stronger and more experienced for future games.

Eustachy said that the recruitment process is crucial in alleviating the team's problems with experience and depth.

"We have a nice recruiting class signed right now, but this problem won't be fixed overnight," Coach Eustachy said.

Eustachy is determined to carry Golden Eagle basketball back to the summit it was once on in the golden days of M. K. Turk. He plans to do this through rigorous practice, careful recruitment and the continued good attitude that the entire team brings to every practice or game. The coach said that with the surplus of people in Hattiesburg, all it would take is an increase in the performance of the team to establish a large fan base once again.

Story by Chris Mills

MEN'S BASKETBALL IN THE PAST

The Southern Miss men's basketball team has built a strong foundation over the years, including several NCAA appearances, many standout coaches, eleven Golden Eagles advancing to the NBA and a NIT championship title.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment in Southern Miss basketball is the 1987 championship of the National Invitational Tournament, which is often referred to as NIT. After playing in continuously sold out venues, the Golden Eagles earned a trip to Madison Square Garden in New York City to play in the NIT semifinals. With patience and perseverance, the Golden Eagles advanced to the championship game against LaSalle in front of yet another sellout crowd. Southern Miss rose to the top, claiming a victory of 84-80 over LaSalle.

This championship distinguished Southern Miss as the first Mississippi school with a national basketball title. Southern Miss still celebrates this victory today by incorporating the tournament's title into the well-known and fast-growing Nitchampburg. Story by Christy Dyess



Basketball team, 1914 Photo from USM Archives

REGAINING THE PRESTIGE



Courtney Beasley, a freshman from Huntsville, Ala., guards the opponent from the ball in this game against West Florida. Beasley plays both point and shooting guard positions.

Photo by Chris Payne

Mildred Ambrose, a senior from Opelousas, La., went above the defenders to make a shot. Ambrose's points helped the Eagles achieve an 84-74 victory over Tennessee State.

Photo by Chris Payne

MAKING THE REBOUND

women's basketball



Freshman Ashley Harrell guards the ball from her Louisiana-Monroe opponent while dribbling down the court. Harrell, from Camden, Ark., plays guard and small forward positions.

Photo by Chris Payne

Since Coach Joye Lee McNelis returned to Southern Miss after coaching at Memphis for 13 years, the Lady Eagles basketball program improved drastically, and at the time of publication, was tied for the number two spot in conference rankings.

The outlook that many sports enthusiasts had for Southern Miss' women's basketball this year was grim. The team was projected to be ranked seventh in the conference. To make matters worse, these projections were made before two Southern Miss starters were injured and unable to return to play this season. The remarkable thing about their story is that even through tough times the team maintained a winning season, and Coach McNelis praised the freshman class for attributing tremendously to the Lady Eagles' success.

After the many struggles at the beginning of the season, the team was left with only two years of Division One experience between all the players. The eight members of the Lady Eagles basketball team made up the youngest team in the conference this year. Coach McNelis said that although these players were inexperienced, that did not take away from their amazing talent. Four of the freshmen on the team scored double digit points in almost every game, and McNelis said that after the team understood the importance of conditioning, they made great advances.

"We have grown up this year," McNelis said, "We made some mistakes in the beginning, but we have matured as a team and developed a solid team chemistry."

McNelis said that the progress made by this year's team was incredible and that she was grateful to all of the people who supported her return to Southern Miss. Specifically, she expressed appreciation to the Wings organization, the program's booster club and her friends and family who make Southern Miss home. *Story by Chris Mills*

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Freshmen Ashley Boehnel (left) and Kendra Reed (right) were chosen by Coach Joye Lee-McNelis as this season's MVP's. These players set a great example for the team and have shown good leadership skills.

Photos by Chris Payne





Junior Kristen Chaney watches her opponents while traveling down the court. Chaney, a point guard native to Little Rock, Miss., helped the Lady Eagles in this 75-60 win over Tulane. *Photo by Chris Payne*

Freshman Amber Eugene jumps high to score during the game against UTEP. Eugene, from St. Rose, La., plays both the one and two guard. *Photo by Chris Poyne*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IN THE PAST

The history of Lady Eagles basketball is rich in tradition, a tradition that until recently was filled with winning seasons and conference titles. Although the last few years have been difficult for the program, head coach Joye Lee McNelis has begun an upward trend in the program beginning with her return to Southern Miss from Memphis.

Upon her return she said that the program was on a very firm foundation that she accredits to former head coach Kay James, who served as head coach for 22 years. Under the direction of James the Lady Eagles won three conference championships and made eight NCAA championship appearances. McNelis, who played for the Lady Eagles during James' time at the university, said that she was glad to be back home and plans to "turn the program back to national prominence."

"I think the enthusiasm and excitement of Lady Eagles basketball is back," Coach McNelis said. *Story by Chris Mills*



Women's basketball, 1916. *Photo from USM Archives*

EXCEEDING THE AVERAGE

baseball



Senior Brian Dozier makes a base hit during a home game. Dozier, from Fulton, Miss., plays shortstop on the field. *Photo by Chris Payne*



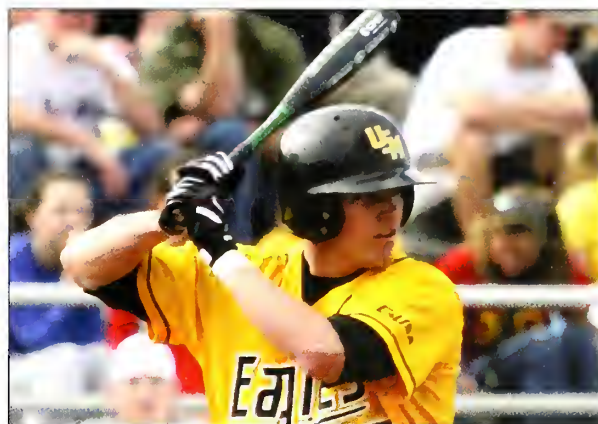
Senior Cliff Russum puts all his effort into a pitch during the game against Nicholls State. Russum, from Hattiesburg, Miss., is ranked third in opposing batting average according to Conference-USA statistics.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Coach Corky Palmer nominated senior Marc Maddox as this year's MVP. Maddox, from Hattiesburg, Miss., usually plays 1st base, but played 3rd base in the opening game against Nicholls State. Maddox has been a three-year starter for Southern Miss and has lead the team with his high batting average.

Photo by Chris Payne



The Golden Eagle Baseball team finished last season with a 41-21 win-loss record making the season the third straight in which the Eagles have won 40 games and have gone into the regional post season. This season promises to be equally as successful as the depth of the team has been increased and a strong leadership presence has been retained.

Head coach Corky Palmer cited the Golden Eagles offense as one of the driving forces in last year's season and added that the team achieved post season play even through difficult circumstances.

"We had a lot of injuries to the pitching staff," Palmer said. He explained that these injuries exposed the team's major weakness which was an overall lack of depth.

Palmer said that the toughest game of last season was Tulane, who beat the Eagles in two of the three games they played and went on to compete in the College World Series.

The coach has an optimistic outlook for the upcoming season and said that the staff and the team are both excited about this year. The season opener will be against Nicholls State at home, and Palmer plans to set the stage for an exceptional season for Southern Miss.

According to Palmer, last year's team was solid, other than the depth problem, and this weakness was one main focus of the recruitment process for this spring's season.

"We had a good recruitment class, probably the best of the last couple of years," Coach Palmer said. "The program is on solid ground and we have worked hard to get to this point."

In addition to a strong group of new additions, there are eight seniors on the team that make up a strong leadership foundation for the team in the new season. The Eagles have been practicing almost non-stop for the upcoming bout with Nicholls State and are working to build on fundamentals that were introduced in the fall practice sessions.

"We have really been working at getting everyone's arms in shape and getting everyone well conditioned," Palmer said.

Palmer's projection of the 2006 season is that the Golden Eagles will have a chance to be better, exhibit more pitching depth and depth all around with a good senior class.

"We have a lot of players who have had success, and all of these players have experience through tough games," Palmer said.

One major aspect that Coach Palmer accredits with the Golden Eagle baseball team's success is a large fan base and support. Palmer said that fan support at home as well as at away games can help players mentally in difficult situations.

"We have had great fan support in the past and it continues to grow every year, this has been very beneficial to the program," Palmer said.

Golden Eagle baseball has been and will surely remain one outlet by which Southern Miss can display the athletic abilities it has in addition to its high academic standard.

Story by Chris Mills



Freshman Bo Davis runs to catch the ball during the Nicholls State game. Davis switched from an infield position to the outfield this year. *Photo by Chris Payne*



The team clears the dugout to congratulate freshman Luke Adkins as he crosses homeplate during the opening game against Nicholls State. The Golden Eagles began the season with a home win of 5-1 over Nicholls State. *Photo by Chris Payne*

BASEBALL IN THE PAST

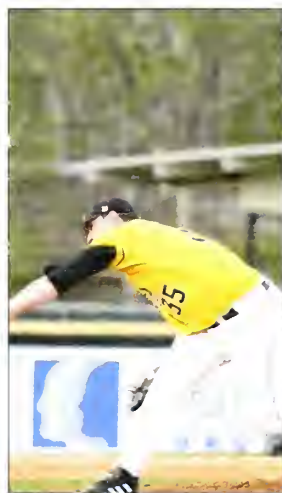
Since the inaugural season of the program in 1912, Golden Eagle baseball has been a major athletic outlet for Southern Miss. Even though their first game was a decisive loss to the non-collegiate Detroit Tigers, through the years the program has made a name for itself in conference circles.

The program has turned out 16 All-American players and many more all-conference players in the past. In addition to this success, they have made five NCAA tournament appearances. Currently, there is one former Golden Eagle in the majors and 15 former players in the minor leagues.

Today, the program is continuing to advance and become even more elite in the conference, under the direction of the current coach, Corky Palmer. *Story by Chris Mills*



Baseball, 1915. *Photo from USM Archives*



Senior Matt Caire from Luling, La. goes through his series of motions in order to pitch a strike during the opening game against Nicholls State. Caire, a left-handed pitcher, is the team's setup pitcher. Photos by Chris Payne



Senior Kevin Coker receives a high-five from his teammate as he crosses home plate. Coker is from Vicksburg, Miss. and plays catcher for the Golden Eagles. Photo by Chris Poyne

Trey Sutton, second baseman and sophomore from Hattiesburg, Miss., makes a great play by throwing the ball to third. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Jessica Huerta, a senior from Pearland, Texas, majoring in broadcast journalism, was chosen as the softball MVP. Huerta, an All-Conference USA shortstop, leads both offensively and defensively. The coaches agree that she is a super all-around athlete. *Photo from USM Athletic Media Relations*



With five senior infielders playing for this year's softball team, Coach Gay McNutt expects the experienced players to show good leadership for the new players. The team is working hard to get back to the top of the conference.

"Last season the girls never gelled," McNutt, head coach for Southern Miss softball since 2000, said.

Realizing the mistakes from last year, the team is proving to be close-knit this year and all pulling in the same direction.

The softball team has also added new programs to help players improve. One of these programs is an obstacle course. Not only will this program serve to help the players exercise, but it is also expected to build mental toughness.

Coach McNutt mentioned that three players were living the full trauma of Hurricane Katrina, but these players are able to persevere with the support from their fellow teammates and coaching staff.

In the Lady Eagle Fall Tournament, Southern Miss defeated William Carey, 8-0, and then Southeastern La., 2-0. After advancing to the tournament finale, Southern Miss ended the game in a tie against Mississippi Valley State.

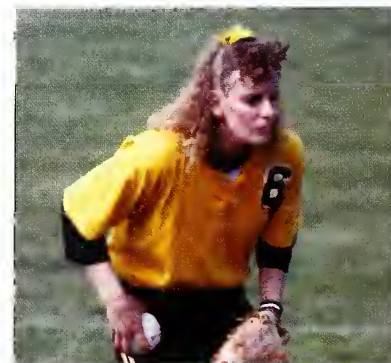
Although the 2004-2005 team won a conference championship, Coach McNutt expects this year's team to work even harder and go even further. *Story by Christy Dyess*



Ashley Breland, a freshmen from Belle Chasse, La., makes a strong throw to first to get the runner out. After playing second base during the fall tournament, Breland will red shirt the season due to a rotator cuff surgery. *Photo by Chris Payne*

SOFTBALL IN THE PAST

With the constant success of our softball team, one has to wonder the foundation of their achievements. The University of Southern Mississippi's softball team established itself in 1983. The softball team went strong for sixteen seasons, and then ended in 1992. Seven years later the softball team was reinstated. On March 21, 2002, the Southern Miss's softball program held its first competition on the new softball complex, which has bleacher seating for more than 500 fans. The team continues to make the university proud with their reoccurring success. *Story by Tabitha Williams*



Softball, 1990. *Photo from USM Archives*



SLIDING INTO VICTORY

softball

Nicole Chisolm, a freshman from Clinton, Miss., easily crosses home plate during the Southern Miss Fall Tournament. Chisolm will play the starting center fielder for the team this year.
Photo by Chris Payne



Allison Bullard, a sophomore from Columbus, Ga., slides safely into home plate during the fall tournament. Bullard will be battling for the starting catcher position for the Lady Eagles this year. *Photo by Chris Payne*

UPHOLDING THE TRADITIONS

rituals of the game

Athletics at The University of Southern Mississippi do not begin and end with the beginning and ending of games. Southern Miss is rich in pre-game rituals that extend the life of the athletics program far beyond the bounds of a single game.

There are two types of pre-game rituals here at Southern Miss; there are campus wide rituals and independent rituals that players go through before every match up. Whether it is tailgating in The District or a player going through a certain schedule before a game, pre-game rituals add a dimension to the athletics program that cannot be rivaled.

"Most of the pre-game rituals that I have personally are more like habits or superstitions," Mike Cashion, a pitcher on the Southern Miss baseball team, said. "If I don't do these things before every game I pitch, mentally and sometimes physically, I feel out of rhythm."

Some of the specific rituals named by Cashion are the order he gets dressed in before a game and a specific number of pre-game practice throws he makes. According to Cashion if he does not throw nine practice throws consisting of a certain number of special pitches he does not perform as well in the game. Cashion cites one game in which these rituals were not done, and he was pulled out of the game before the first inning was over.

The Alumni Association of the University included many examples of campus wide rituals in their publication, *"The Drawl."* In this pamphlet the association discusses events such as Friday Night at the Fountain and more historic rituals such as Homecoming and tailgating in The District. These campus wide events give non-athlete students an outlet to express their support for the Eagles and to create a personal tradition at the university.

"I think a lot of student athletes and athletes in general have a certain ritual or superstition because it is almost as if it is a part of their 'game'," Cashion said.

Although all students may not take part in pre-game rituals as extraneous and individual as Mike Cashion, it is safe to say that a large part of the student body is involved in the larger scale events held in support of Golden Eagle athletics. *Story by Chris Mills*



The football team appears on the field before the home game against Tulsa. Every home football game, the team comes on the field through the oversized inflatable helmet.

Photo by Jennifer Petcher

SPORTS RITUALS IN THE PAST

Like any other college or university, The University of Southern Mississippi has a tradition-filled set of pre-game rituals that extend deeply into its past.

According to *"The Drawl"*, the Alumni Association's publication on the history and traditions of the university, Southern Miss has many pre-game rituals including tailgating in The District, Friday Night at the Fountain, The Junior Eagle Club Tunnel, the painting of the Eagle Walk and the "Little Rock," as well as all of the well known Homecoming events.

"Homecoming was originally held in May and actually had no connection at all to football," Yvonne Arnold, head of the Universities archives, said.

"Nov. 14, 1925 was the first Homecoming not held in conjunction with the May commencement events, it isn't clear that the events were tied to a football game until the homecoming of 1927."

This is a prime example given by Arnold of how one broad ritual of the university's past slowly became a more athletic driven pre-game ritual. Arnold said that much of the history of the pre-game rituals at the university is still unknown and she is currently involved in research in this area. *Story by Chris Mills*



Sophomore Mike Cashion, a business administration major from Clinton, Miss., wears his lucky socks. Cashion will be the No. 3 starter in pitching rotation this baseball season. *Photo by Janet Payne*

This stuffed animal named Riley serves as the baseball team's lucky monkey. The monkey accompanies the baseball team in the dugout through every game. *Photo by Janet Payne*

Student organizations are a cornerstone of student life that have been around since the beginning, but many changes have been made over time that reflect the larger and more complex student body enrolled at Southern Miss each consecutive year. Organizations such as the Girls Tomato Club, the Beau-Not Club, and even the Bobbed Hair Club were the original social outlets for students in 1912, but these have been replaced by hundreds of more specialized and sometimes less frivolous groups. Students may now become a part of the various service oriented groups on campus such as Amnesty International, major-based groups such as the Fashion Merchandising Organization, or even organizations based on interests such as capture the flag. The diversity available in these organizations appeals to the various talents and interests of the students enrolled at Southern Miss.



ORGANIZATIONS

The SGA was formed in the first year of the college, an Honors Council was established as the overseers of student department, and many clubs were founded that are still nationally recognized. Originally, the YMCA and the YWCA were very influential on campus, and many religious based organizations such as Bible clubs were established that resemble the BSU and other current faith-based organizations on campus. The general concept of student involvement has changed very little over what has been almost a century, rather it is the method of involvement that has changed. Like other parts of the university, the available student organizations have evolved to fit the times and this is the adaptive aspect of the legacy, the ability to maintain flexibility without losing sight of the focus, the students.

Story by Chris Mills



ENTERTAINING THE CROWD

the pride

From its formation in 1920 as a 20 member military band, The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band has grown and now totals over 250 members. Over 50 percent of the members are music majors. It also includes 41 Dixie Darlings and 16 color guard members.

"It is a social thing. It is a shared experience; from that first hot day at band camp to the last performance in December when you are freezing. Knowing that you are sharing that same experience with other people creates a bond," Brad Snow, assistant director of The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band, said.

Drum major Chris Cline agrees with Snow. He said being a part of The Pride has made him a more social person.

"I've made so many friends in The Pride. Many of these friendships will last a lifetime. My greatest memories of college were made in The Pride," Cline, a senior music education major, said.

Cline has been a drum major for The Pride for three years. He said this experience has prepared him for his future, which includes being a music teacher.

"My position as drum major has also served as a laboratory to help me to develop my teaching and leadership skills. The skills that I've developed while participating in The Pride will always be valuable in my career as a future music educator," Cline said.

Tracy Smith, director of the Dixie Darlings, is also thrilled about being associated with The Pride again.

"I feel very honored to be a part of The Pride. My memories of being a Dixie Darling were great and it is wonderful to again to be a part of the group and their tradition of excellence," Smith said.

She feels the hard work and dedication of being actively involved in The Pride is not only beneficial to students' majors, but it spills over into every aspect of their lives.

"Our group [Dixie Darlings] is always made up of very strong and independent ladies who are active not only in the area of dance, but also community service, civil organizations and their school," Smith said.

A visible sign of the band's strength and dedication came after Hurricane Katrina scattered its members in all different directions. Snow said this was one of his most challenging times as a band director.

"About four days after the hurricane, I personally called everyone in the band. I had to find out who was coming back. We had to rework a lot of things to accommodate the people that we lost and gained," Snow said.

The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band did exactly what their name says. It showed its pride in Mississippi by continuing to entertain crowds at pep rallies and football games. Snow said this commitment comes from knowing that The Pride and the athletic department are partners.

"You won't find anybody that is a bigger fan of the athletics program than the members of the band because we are partners. If they are doing well, we do well. We take it very personal on game day if the crowd is not fired up," Snow said.

He wants the crowd and band members to continue to have pride in The Pride.

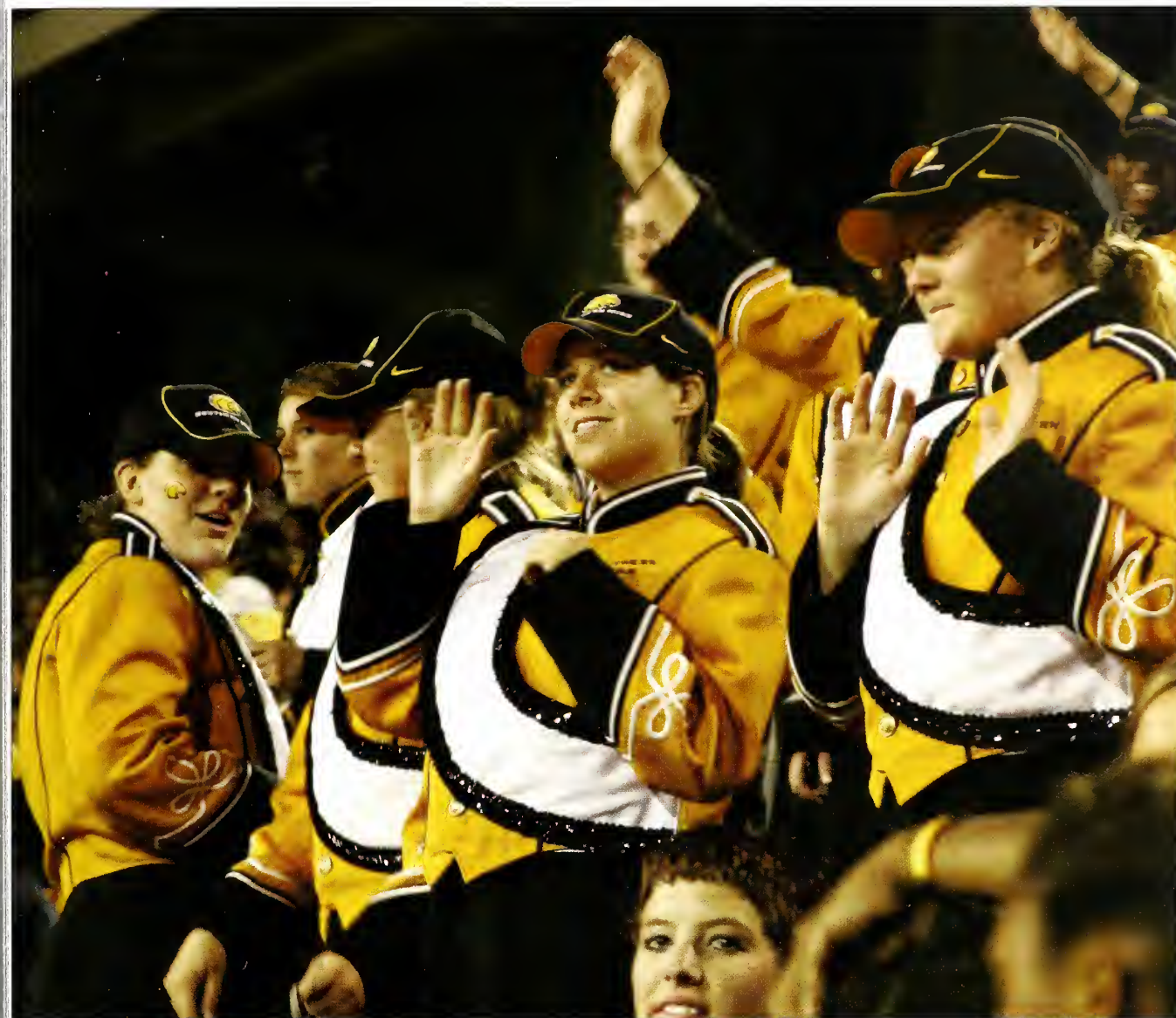
"I would like to see us continue to carry on the traditions that have been established since 1920. We would like to build upon them," Snow said. *Story by Justin Smith*



The color guard adds a touch of southern flare to The Pride with their display of flags and routines. They remain a crowd favorite each year.

The Pride's job is not just on the field. They keep the crowd fired up during the game as well.

All photos by Jennifer Petcher



The Pride adds excitement and energy to the atmosphere as the football team enters The Rock through a cloud of smoke. They not only provide musical entertainment from the field, but also cheer up the crowd with music for cheers at crucial points during the game.



First Row: Captains- Megan Amedeo, Amanda Rabalais, LeAnne Miller, Jessica Bueto Second Row: Erica Bennett, Tess Poothullil, Rebeka Barclay, Erin Parker, Delania Pruett, Melissa Harnish, Sarah Conque, Kayla Russo, Les-Leigh Friedman Third Row: Allison Combes, Jessica Buckelew, Anna Smith, Channing Robinson, Gabrielle Brown, Melissa Demma, Jade White, Jennifer Cornette, Amber Schaffer, Lindsey Frierson, Brittany Ginn, Addie Williams Fourth Row: Lindsey Boler, Tiffany Bird, Mandi Magill, Melissa Pucket-lieutenant, Mardia Wicks, Brooke Kellerhals, Sarah Rouse, Kendall Levens Megan Morien Not Pictured: Megan Lee, Kathryn Gray, Katie Piddington, Magon Tubbs, Courtney Langford, Elizabeth Bridges, Michelle Mason, Lina Ow Photo by Chris Payne



The Dixie Darlings march in unison down the Eagle Walk during pre-game activities. Photo by Chris Payne

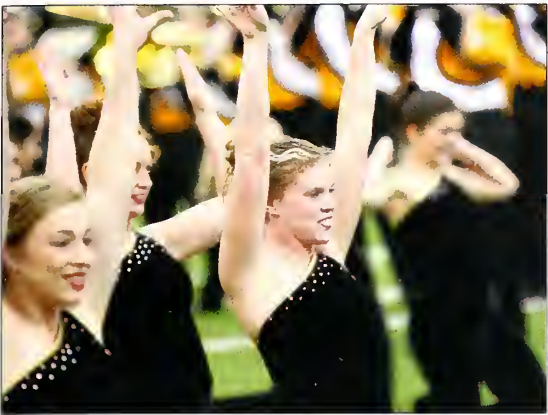


Photo by Chris Payne

DARLINGS OF THE FIELD

dixie darlings

Before the football team kicks-off the first ball at The Rock, 41 young ladies do some kicking of their own on the field. These performers are the Dixie Darlings. They get the crowd pumped-up about Southern Miss athletics by dancing to such songs as "Dixie," "The Southern Miss Fight Song" and "The Hey Song."

In 1954, Dr. Raymond Mannoni founded the Dixie Darlings. He wanted a dance team to accompany The Pride of Mississippi Marching Band. They wore a black velvet costume, which included white boots with black fringe and donned white gloves.

Now some 52 years later, the Dixie Darlings still wear the white boots and white gloves. However, their dance routines have changed since their first performance.

"We are still a precision group, but have added in technical elements that are new to the field of dance since the group was formed. We also participate in pep rallies using hip-hop dance to show the versatility of the dancers and appeal to the students," Tracy Smith, director of the Dixie Darlings, said.

Smith has a special love for the Dixie Darlings because she also marched in the homecoming parades and strutted across the field in her Dixie Darling uniform. She said that being prepared and well trained are the secret ingredients to having a flawless performance. She also said this is the perfect cure for nervousness.

"These girls are seasoned performers, so they have learned to deal with the nervousness through the years. However, the excitement and energy of the crowd helps calm them so they can enjoy the performance," Smith said.

Current team captain Megan Amedeo, a senior marketing major from Chalmette, La., said that the large crowds and bright lights do not bother her anymore. She has released the butterflies out of her stomach and filled her mind with treasured Dixie Darling moments.

"My favorite moment of Dixie Darlings is either walking through Eagle Walk or strutting out at pre-game. I still get chills after three years every time I do these two things. I love hearing the crowd and just being there it seems special," Amedeo said.

She said she loves every minute of being a part of the team because of the life lessons she has learned.

"The Dixie Darlings has had a positive effect on my life because it taught me how to work well with others especially during homecoming for the Dixie Darlings' 50th anniversary," Amedeo said.

Nervousness before a performance has also turned into excitement for Dixie Darling member Lindsay Boler, a junior speech pathology major from Chatom, Ala. She acknowledges that dancing on the field during the halftime show and other places is about giving an audience a chance to see their hard work.

"Being a Dixie Darling is not an easy as it may look. A lot of hard work goes into each performance and because of this I am a more disciplined person," Boler said.

Smith expects Boler, Amedeo and other members will keep kicking and jumping high on the field and in life. She also wants them to remember that the Dixie Darlings had a part in shaping their success.

"I hope each of these girls will continue to strive for excellence in anything they choose, and remember that the hard work that gets them to each goal is part of the fun and a necessity of life," Smith said.

Story by Justin Smith



Rain or shine, the Dixie Darlings are dedicated to the spirit of the game in full uniform. Photo by Chris Payne

RECRUITING FOR THE FUTURE

eagle connection

Eagle Connection is an organization made of nearly 50 members who work diligently to recruit potential students to the university. They use events such as Black and Gold Day, Honors Day and information fairs to persuade students to come to Southern Miss. During these activities, members answer any questions future students may have about the campus in hopes of increasing the student enrollment and retention.

"The purpose of Eagle Connection is to encourage them not only to come to Southern Miss, but also to ignite a love for all that it has to offer," Stephanie Napier, Eagle Connection president, said.

This organization carries a unique responsibility of connecting high school and transfer students with a Golden Eagle education.

"Eagle Connection stands out because it is an organization that benefits the school directly. We are focused on representing Southern Miss in the most positive way in order to attract potential leaders to the campus," Napier said.

Other members include David Walker, vice president; Leslie Prude, secretary and Emily Deluka, social chair. The advisor is Amanda King, admissions counselor. *Story by Justin Smith*

EAGLE CONNECTION



Member List: Sara Bailey, Shunta' Bolden, Lindsi Boulette, Elizabeth Bridges, Kyle Brown, Carmen Buford, Kathryn Bush, Ashley Cangelosi, Charles Childress, Matthew Davis, Emily Deluka, Tabitha Epperson, Vincent Fabra, Brandi Ferrer, Ashley Grant, Beth Guess, Laura Guiles, Ronnie Herbert, Kelly Hembree, Leslie Holder, Kelly Hollingsworth, April Ivins, Brittney Johnson, Laurie Johnston, Ashley Johnston, Erin Lambert, Alicia Lane, Haley Lewis, Ashley Long, Joshua Mannino, MacAllister Marshall, Kwamina Mason, Lauren McDougald, Jamie McKercher, Adrienne Mullins, George Napier, Stephanie Napier, Anne Nehlig, Holly Pace, Carmen Pitts, Lesley Prude, Alina Santillan, Pamela Scott, Houston Steelman, Tamekia Stewart, David Turner, David Walker, Hillry Walters, Mallori Watson, Gray Wilkerson, Megan Wilkinson, Emily Zelenka *Photo submitted by Eagle Connection*

STUDENT BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION



First Row: Chandra Jones, Tonya Jenkins- public relations, Meaghan Mitchell- co-vice president, Justin Smith- president, Kevin Wheeler- co-vice president, Julian Harper- secretary, Sarah Stone. Second Row: Sheree Medley, Karrie Leggett, Latoya Veal, Alan Wheat, Charles Johnson, Eadie Kolbo, Edrick Miller, Toni Miller
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SPEECH AND HEARING ASSOCIATION



Student Speech and Hearing Association 2005-2006 members Photo submitted by Student Speech and Hearing Association

LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

southern style

They dress in yellow jackets. They represent the pride and history of The University of Southern Mississippi. They are Southern Style.

Southern Style serves as the official black and gold ambassadors at university events including Founder's Day and graduation.

"I think this group is unique in that it has such a long legacy of campus leaders," Wynde Fitts, director of the first year experience, said.

One of their most anticipated duties comes in the summer months, when they welcome hundreds of freshmen to the campus during Preview and Golden Eagle Welcome Week. They fill students in on Southern Miss history and spirit cheers, and answer any questions curious minds may have.

"This group of students is on the front line with all new students as they come in for registration and orientation," Fitts said.

She said incoming freshmen love the 25 member Southern Style staff so much, they cannot wait to become members themselves.

"So many freshmen ask me how they can be a part of Southern Style. I hear stories every day of how a member of Southern Style impacted them as new students, and how they want to give back to Southern Miss by being a team member one day," Fitts said.

Southern Style member David Walker said the impact Southern Style had on him while he was a freshman was unforgettable. This is why he decided to become a member of this prestigious group.

"I had been interested in Southern Style since my first time on the campus. They helped me through my orientation. From that day, I knew that's what I wanted to do when I got here," Walker, a junior psychology major from Birmingham, Ala., said.

Tommy Cullinan, a Southern Style member and graduate student in college student personnel from Gulfport, Miss., feels his involvement with the group will give him valuable experience he can use in the future.

"It gives me a great deal of professional experience in respect to everything that goes into running an entire division of student affairs and all of the work and preparation that goes into putting on a successful orientation program," Cullinan said.

He calls serving as a member of Southern Style an honor and a privilege. He adds that the yellow jacket that they wear symbolizes the heart of the university and the 75-year-old organization.

"When you put on that yellow jacket it gives you a sense of pride and history. You are not just representing yourself and your team. You are representing The University of Southern Mississippi and all of the Southern Style members that came before you," Cullinan said.

Both Walker and Cullinan feel being members of Southern Style gives them a chance to give back to the Golden Eagle community. Fitts said she encourages these kinds of thoughts because it means she has done her job.

"I feel that being a part of Southern Style is an incredible opportunity to grow as a leader, but more importantly grow as a servant leader. If a student hasn't changed and matured once they finish being a member of the Southern Style team, I haven't done my job," Fitts said. *Story by Justin Smith*

Southern Style honored their legacy of leadership this year by holding a reunion with former members. There were many displays of Southern Style memorabilia and former members were gifted with Southern Miss merchandise. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*





Member List: Tim Bennet, Ethan Bratton, LaKeisha Bryant, LorJo Butler, Angela Coleman, Tommy Cullinan, Shannon Davis, Tabitha Epperson, Gene Gouaux, Jordan Haley, Megan Harris, Leslie Holder, Brian Hudson, Lyndsey Jalvia, Sydney Krhut, Erin Lambert, Alicia Lane, Jeremy Miller, Kristen Mitchell, Alvin McKinley, Sara Nicholson, Kellie StCyr, Leslie Stevens, David Walker, Muggie Wesley
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One of the many members of the Southern Style chapter is shown here. The chapter is a group of students who are passionate about the Southern lifestyle and are working to promote it. For more information on the chapter, visit our website at southernstyle.org.
 Photo by Jennifer Petcher



First Row: Daniel De La Puente- copy desk and layout, David McRaney- managing editor, Taneka Thomas- sports, LaShana Sorrell- news Second Row: Charles A. Edwards- photo editor, Noel Wilkinson- editor *All photos by Jennifer Petcher*



Daniel De La Puente works on copy for The Student Printz. The staff spends many hours on Mondays perfecting layouts for publication on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

KEEPING STUDENTS INFORMED

the student printz

In a basement room of Southern Hall is a group of students who publish a newspaper called "*The Student Printz*." This paper has been responsible for covering some of the major stories that affect the campus, the Hattiesburg community and the world. The staff covers all these headlines in a way appealing to college students.

"We [The Printz] give a perspective that college students can relate to. Usually in other media, they do not do that because their audience is not targeted toward them. We take issues and relate to them so they (students) know what is going on," Porsha Jackson, opinions editor and a senior public relations major from Oakland, Calif., said.

Jackson decided to join the staff after she interned at a newspaper in California. She said she loves giving her opinions on topics that affect all college students.

"I love being around a diverse group of students that have different opinions than I do. I also like to find out what is going on in the community and the campus and share my opinion of it," Jackson said.

Executive Editor Noel Wilkinson remembers covering such stories as President Shelby Thames taking office, the SACS accreditation and, of course, Hurricane Katrina.

To keep students interested in stories like these, The Printz changed its format to resemble a more realistic newspaper.

"We have moved from a tabloid style of black and white to a broad sheet with full color on the front and back page format. It prepares us more for the real world because most major newspapers are a broad

format," Wilkinson, a senior photo/journalism major from Baton Rouge, La., said.

He also said the newspaper is now online. This increases readership and allows anyone with access to a computer a chance to comment on articles published.

"Now that we have it online it has broadened it. All the alumni can read it no matter where they are. We can also get input a lot easier. There are bulletin boards right underneath the article and students give feedback about the story," Wilkinson said.

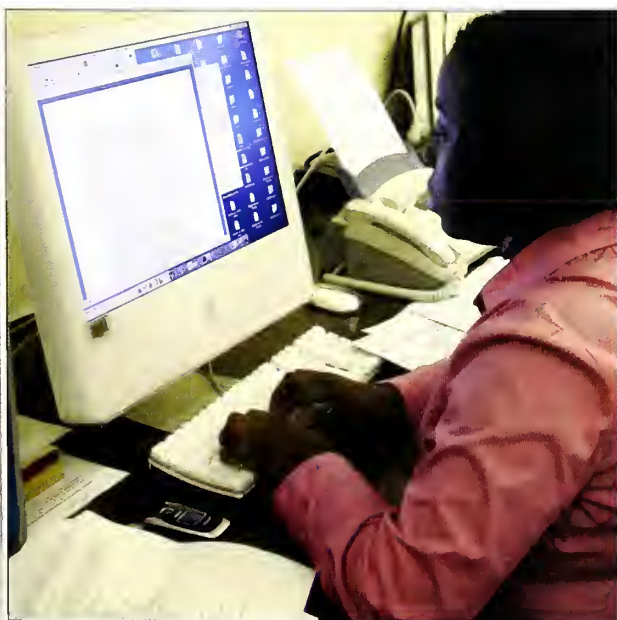
This is good news for James McGee, a sophomore exercise science and sports medicine major from Pickens, Miss. He reads the headlines regularly to find out what is happening around campus. He said he looks forward to each edition because it caters to the Southern Miss community.

Jessica Klein is another happy reader. She is a very devoted fan of the opinion page.

"My favorite part is the political cartoons because it tells you what is going on in a short and fun way," Klein said.

"It [the online paper] is great. Other schools have forms where you can write the editor and sometimes they publish what you say. That is great because you can get a word in the newspaper," Klein said.

Wilkinson wishes to continue covering the stories that affect the Southern Miss community and keep the attention of as many students as possible. He said he would not ignore them because they are the reason for this publication. *Story by Justin Smith*



LaShana Sorrell works on a news story for release. Each week, the paper covers major events on the Southern Miss campus and in Hattiesburg.

V.I.S.I.O.N.



First Row: Koko Williams, Daphne Patton, Lindsey Brown, Jade Matthews, Joseph Forbes, Taneisha Reynolds, Kaihia S. Fitch Second Row: Ariel Williams, Erica Faust- special projects coordinator, Christine Downs, Amy Gardner, Laura Usnik, Leanne Carr, Shantenial Carson- public relations, Sophia Robinson- graduate advisor Third Row: Brittany Hall, Kimberly Abrams, Timothy Moncure- president, Adam Wells, Roderick Edwards, i'sha Watts, Shan Lott, Shelton Pittman, Robert Patty, James McGee
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REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

baptist student union

The University of Southern Mississippi offers many opportunities to get involved with religious life on campus. The Baptist Student Union reaches out to students in many ways to help students carry on their religious practices or to create new ones.

The BSU kicks off every year with Survival Weekend to introduce freshmen and transfer students to the BSU and Southern Miss. This year 266 students participated. During the fall semester, this fellowship is continued each week. On Tuesdays, student worship is held at 6:01 pm with a worship band and lunch is provided on Thursdays at 12:01 pm. Guest speakers from all over the state and nation come to speak at both events.

The BSU outreach does not end on the Southern Miss campus. In January, the BSU held a winter retreat at the Pearl River Baptist Association. The guest speaker, Dr. David Platt from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, challenged students to reach out to others

on campus and around the world. Over the Christmas break, students volunteered to go on mission trips to Asia and Portland, Ore. Twenty-three students will continue to answer this call when they serve as summer missionaries around the nation and across the world.

The BSU provides an on-campus building for students to meet for weekly events and Bible studies or to just come and hang out so that students can feel more at home. Jennifer Petcher, a senior photojournalism major is a regular attendee.

"BSU has been a family to me during my four years here at Southern Miss. It's been a place of encouragement and friendship," Petcher said.

The BSU is led by Lloyd Lunceford, director; Kris Walters, assistant director and Jenny Harrington, intern.

Story by Jacqueline Freels

PICTURE PERFECT MODELS



First Row: Dionne Clarke, Airin McGhee, Brittany Hughes, Tasha Jones, Rachel McDowell, Krystal Taylor- president, Taneisha Reynolds, Comekio Garrett, Deaudra Husband, Kimberly Williams, Bernice Wambari- model coach Second Row: Joshua Quinn, Schkaria Kelly, Ashley Bogan, Jennifer Rosebur, Mahogany Stevens, India Backstrom, Sheree Montgomery- treasurer, Madison Moore, Tangela Bronson- vice president, Danielle Cole Third Row: Cordell Kinn, Anthony Nelson, Tracy Smith, Nicholas Keith Lewis I, Michael Husband, Quinton Brown, Oman Pittman, Marquel Sims, Picture Chauncy Webster, Larell Washington *Photo by USM Photo Services*

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION



The Southern Miss Baptist Student Union welcomes new students during their annual Survival Weekend 2005. The BSU center becomes a home away from home for many students during the weekend.
Photo submitted by Baptist Student Union

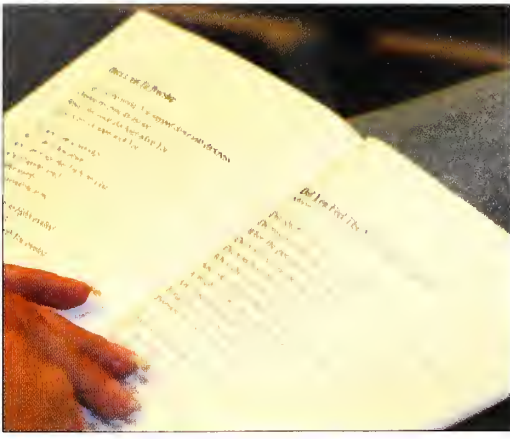


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MORE THAN A SONG

catholic student association

Student life consists of much more than mere academics. Religion and faith based organizations such as the Catholic Student Association are incredibly influential groups on campus that allow students the chance to worship and fellowship with one another.

The Catholic Student Association is a faith based student organization that acts as an extension of the St. Thomas Catholic Church, and provides students with opportunities to attend worship services as well as weekly church services.

"Praise and worship gives me time for relaxation away from school and all of the work," Brady Pitts a member of CSA, said. "CSA is a common tie that allows me to relate to other students in a special way."

The organization meets every Wednesday and Sunday. Rebecca Butler, the on-campus director of CSA, said that events such as movie and game nights help to provide a home away from home for students that may be far away from their hometowns.

"It is important for students to feel like they belong, and they know that they have people here that love them," Butler said.

In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, the group sponsors two annual retreats for students and an annual mission trip to Saltillo, Mexico. Due to the massive damage from Hurricane Katrina, the mission trip this year will be to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Praise and worship is the primary spiritual function of the group. The music leader, Ryan Fulon, said that the services offered are very informal and offer a time of personal reflection as well as a time for

worship. Praise and worship services are held weekly on Tuesdays at St. Thomas and are also open to students who are not Catholic.

Fulon said, "Praise and worship services allow students to take a break and hear some music that soothes the monotony of class work. The praise songs we sing provide words of inspiration that stick with students and help them through the typical frustrations of being a college student."

Fulon said that there were usually 15 to 20 students at praise and worship services, and that regardless of the number involved the services were still very important to the students in attendance. Butler added that the services were important for students on a social level as well as a spiritual level.

"These services allow students the chance to become acquainted with other students who are Christians and sit and fellowship in the presence of the Lord," Butler said.

CSA is also a driving force of community service on campus and in the community. Butler said the group attempts to do one service project every month. The service projects the group has done so far include a massive amount of work toward Hurricane Katrina relief, a retreat for children with disabilities and the annual Halloween Party for the DuBard School on campus.

The Catholic Student Association is a group that is both self-edifying, through a true commitment to praise and worship, and self-sacrificing, through all of the services the group provides throughout the year. *Story by Chris Mills*

Sarah Latza, Beth Williams, Mary Katherine Gwin, and Toni Brasher raise their voices in praise as they follow along in the new CSA songbooks. The songbooks are used at all student services and include lyrics to many traditional and popular praise and worship songs. *Photo by Bart Lambright*





CSA students join together every Sunday and Wednesday after mass to enjoy fellowship and homecooked meals provided by parishioners. Father Tommy Conway, pastor of St. Thomas, is always involved with the student activities. Fr. Conway is also team chaplain for the Golden Eagles. *Photo submitted by Catholic Student Association*



Lisa Paige, a senior marketing major from Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Lindsey Mayhall, a senior marketing major from Mobile, Ala., help lead the praise and worship service. The CSA Band leads all student services and is enjoyed by all who attend St. Thomas. *Photo by Bort Lombright*

PUTTING LOVE INTO ACTION

wesley foundation

The University of Southern Mississippi student body is a diverse one consisting of a variety of religious and denominational viewpoints. The campus supports these diverse religious affiliations through a number of faith-based organizations. The Wesley Foundation is one such group that seeks to strengthen a student's relationship with God and in the words of their mission statement, "put love into action."

This group is an affiliate of the United Methodist Church and acts to provide students with a place to congregate. Although the group is directly affiliated with the Methodist denomination, members of other denominations are invited to attend Wesley Foundation events.

Wesley Topp, a junior human performance and recreation major and the foundation's student intern, said that the foundation "provides a place to get away from the regular student life."

The foundation has an on-campus office and a building that Topp said is used as a place where students come together to fellowship with other students. "School pulls students in so many ways, and this gives them somewhere to relax," Topp said.

Topp and a small group of members explained that some students who are far away from their hometowns use this facility as a home away from home where they can be comfortable.

The Wesley Foundation also provides students with mission trip opportunities and periodically sponsors an outreach booth to promote the organization and the Methodist faith. The mission trip for the spring semester is planned for mid-May and involves visiting areas such as the Mississippi Gulf Coast and New Orleans that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

In addition to these opportunities, the foundation sponsors a free weekly lunch every Thursday and other events throughout the year. One large event sponsored by the group was Resolution 2006, a week-long faith journey, geared toward increasing involvement in the group. Resolution 2006 also provided praise and worship on campus.

Like other faith-based organizations at Southern Miss, the Wesley Foundation acts to bring worship opportunities and the comforts of home to the university campus. *Story by Chris Mills*

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST FELLOWSHIP



First Row: Cedric Bridges, Traci Lewis, Melissa Carpenter Second Row: Eason Magee, Deandra Magee, Andre Magee, Craig Walker, Dewitt Coats, Travis Self
Not Pictured: John L. Lewis Jr. *Photo by Matkia Wilson*

WESLEY FOUNDATION



First Row: Abbye West, Jill Farmer, Lori Johnston, Dina Randall, Dana Elise Smith Second Row: Katie Townsend, Dawn Douglas Flowers, Wesley Topp, Brian Hasty, Allen Nobles, Levi White, Jason Townsend, Joe Hughbanks Photo by USM Photo Services

CHOSEN MINISTRIES



First Row: Dorian Randall, Dollena Evans, Jason Abrams, Joshua Cable, Monica Randle, Lucilya White, Tiffany Murphy Second Row: Courtney McKnight, Lucqueline Ward, Travis Cox, Kimwantanial Simmons, Lacasa Mosby, Sarah Heidelberg Photo by USM Photo Services

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



First Row: Rochelle Hutson- secretary, Rasheeda Crawford- president, Arthur Stewart Lumzy, Jr.- graduate advisor Second Row: Mary Beth Walker- advisor, Brandi Payne- treasurer *Photo by Bart Lombright*

SOUTHERN MISS CAMPUS CIVITAN CLUB



First Row: Kelly Ennis- membership director, Kathy Gilmore- chaplain, Melissa Roughton- secretary, Crystal Broome- president, Jessica Rau- public relations director, Nicki Miller- sgt. at arms Second Row: Staci Cochran, Keith Wilson, Megan Priest, Melissa Carpenter- advisor, Lavee Sims *Photo by USM Photo Services*

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY CLOSER

presbyterian fellowship

Although the Presbyterian Fellowship provides Christian gatherings and study that teaches the choices and traditions of the Presbyterian faith, its membership contains all denominations. The organization is small, accepting and it's open to all students, faculty and staff. The Presbyterian Fellowship is also extremely involved in the community. For instance, the Fellowship has retreats and gatherings as an effort to bring the community closer. To show how

much they love and support their university, they have fundraisers for other organizations. The Presbyterian Fellowship welcomes all to come and participate in any of their activities.

"We accept each other where we are in our lives, and we share that with each other in our faith," Amy Ruff, the advisor of the Presbyterian Fellowship, said. *Story by Tabitha Williams*

PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP



Left to Right: Mary Robyn, Amy Ruff- advisor, Margaret Jordan, Will Ratcliff and Tammy Lofton *Photo by USM Photo Services*

GROWING IN FAITH^{AND} FELLOWSHIP

canterbury episcopal fellowship

The Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship is one of many religious organizations represented on campus.

The fellowship name, Canterbury, is derived from the location of the first Christian church in England and has been adopted at many colleges worldwide. Southern Miss has one of the three college Canterbury Episcopal Fellowships in the state.

"We want do more outreach in the future," William Barfield, second year Episcopal chaplain, said.

Primarily a worship fellowship, members partake in worship services about four times weekly. All students are invited to partake in the group worship services. They hold three services in Danforth Chapel as well as an Ash Wednesday service on campus. Along with worship, the members participate in a variety of other activities.

On Halloween, the Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship has an All Saints day in Shoemaker Square where they tell the history behind Halloween's existence. One of the organization's main events is the Canterbury Reception.

The Canterbury Reception, which is usually held in the fall, was pushed back to January this year due to Hurricane Katrina hitting on the day of the reception. The reception is primarily an event which allows members of the student body, faculty and staff to come together and have fellowship time.

The Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship is working diligently to share their beliefs and to provide a strong fellowship base for members of the Episcopal Church on campus. *Story by Tonya Jenkins*



Left to Right: Wesley Duffee-Braun, Kari Everett, Susan Olin, Lynee Burleigh, Lauren Wainwright, Eryn McClintock, Glenn Duggin, Father Bill Barfield, Susan Barfield *All Photos by Tracy Thomas*



The reception gave faculty and students time to fellowship and catch up on all of the events during the school year and to discuss ways to outreach.



Father Wilson is frequently present at all Canterbury events and is always ready for conversation and fellowship.



Rod Taylor, RHA Director spins cotton candy for the crowd as RHA members supervise. The day was full of fun and games as well as good food. It was a great way to welcome new students to Southern Miss
Photo submitted by RHA



The RHA fall carnival brought many activities to Shoemaker Square. No carnival would be complete without the food.
Photo submitted by RHA

IMPROVING LIFE ON CAMPUS

residence hall association

Southern Miss is a university, a community and a home for many students of various cultures. Because of this diversity and the university's commitment to excellence, groups such as the Residence Hall Association exist to optimize residence life and the on-campus experience for students.

The Residence Hall Association is a uniquely structured organization on campus that seeks to improve every facet of residence life including the maintenance of dormitory facilities and on-campus services such as dining. They even sponsor events such as a winter formal and other parties to make residence life enjoyable and entertaining.

"Students who come from a long way away have to stay on campus, and this organization gives them a way to get involved in campus affairs," Rod Taylor, the current president of RHA, said.

Taylor stressed that because these students have no choice but to remain on campus they need a way to voice their opinions and concerns about the facilities available to them. He added that by voicing their opinions, students are able to have their needs catered to and can then fully enjoy the experience of living on campus surrounded by entertainment and other social outlets. By having an organization centered on constantly revising the system, residence life continuously improves.

Members of RHA are obtained through elections held in the opening weeks of the fall semester. This is an organizational

structure that requires students to truly seek a position in the organization insuring an active membership. Each residence hall has a representative who lives in the hall, and according to Taylor this must be a person who likes to get involved and is not afraid to speak up about problems.

Like many other organizations, RHA is also involved in various community service activities such as tutoring at Alder's Gate, Toys for Tots and cleanup in the Pinehaven area. Taylor said that these activities, especially campus based services, show the overall goal of RHA, to make campus more livable.

In addition to service opportunities for the members, RHA sponsors a Super Bowl Party, a Mardi Gras Party and even a Fall Carnival for entertainment purposes. Taylor explained that the carnival last year served as a means of fostering a sense of community throughout the student body on campus.

"The carnival is important because during the fall there isn't a lot to do, and this gives people from all over campus a chance to mingle and make friends very easily," Taylor said.

By providing students with entertainment, nicely kept residence halls and the necessary facilities for comfortable living, RHA plays a major role in each resident's daily life. This organization is unique in its structure and its determination to help residents who may be far from their families to feel at home here at Southern Miss.

Story by Chris Mills



First Row: Rheo Morris, Selethia Malone, Trakena Cole, Rod Taylor-RHA director, Rosanna Hawkins, Dominick Jones, Tom Sharp. Second Row: Jennifer Pendley, Brittani Jones, Laura Beth, Jessica Hov, Nichole Triplett, Sady Malik, Ivory Cancer, David Turner, Krista Miller, Derrick Jones, Tearanny Street. Third Row: Vaughn Gray, JaRita Booker, Stephanie Mosely, Rene Jackson, Petrce Jones, Dalmar Jones, Lakedia Williams, Ryan Rush, Rod Thurman, Joelle Wilcots, Ashley Smith, Stephen McCay. Photo by Molly Buchanan

NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONARARY



Left to Right: Devann Underwood, TraKena Cole, Serena Lacoste, Savaya Harlson, Aemee Gros, Portia Collins, Stacey Cole *Photo by Matikia Wilson*

EAGLE AMBASSADORS



First Row: Olenithia Woodley, Jillian Harper, Shayla Stennis, Kenya Adams, Kati Mitchell Second Row: Breonna Ponder, Deidra Bolton, Michelle D'Amico, Mary Anna McManus, Julie Sheridan, Michelle Ghunmeyer, Carrie Tilley Third Row: Alechia Lockhart, Takesha Robinson, Jenell Ward, Brena Ward, Christina Nichols, Christina Carrere
Photo by USM Photo Services

A SHOW OF CHARACTER

national residence hall honorary

The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) recognizes faculty, staff and students who give unselfishly and show exceptional character to fellow students and co-workers. The organization is made of the top one percent of students in residence halls.

NRHH officers include: president, Trakena Cole; vice president, Elizabeth Bridges; secretary, Brieah Hudson; assistant secretary, Shavaya Harlson and graduate advisor, Serena Loconte.

NRHH chooses outstanding students each month from submitted Of the Months (OTMs). The organization selects one or two students

to represent Southern Miss in the state NRHH. If he or she is picked by the state, they have a chance to compete in the national branch.

"We encourage others to go above and beyond when aiding individuals on campus. This brings us closer to becoming a more interactive USM community," Cole president of NRHH, said.

Cole also said she wants to increase student involvement in NRHH and to encourage more people to recognize those who serve in the shadows of Southern Miss. *Story by Justin Smith*

GAMMA



First Row: Keith Hembree- President, Jayme Thompson, Leah Schultz, Melinda Gonzalez, Alysari Liner, Nicole Conea, Kady Collier, Margaret Emery, Grayson, Lucy Newman, Amara Beech, Erin Sheppard, Anna Brannin, Miranda Street *Photo by USM Photo Services*

GREEK SEEKERS



First Row: Ebony Berry, Haey Hilton, Jennifer Gunn, Traci Haag Second Row: Anna Smith, Ansley Smith, Emily Zelenka, Leslie Spencer, Machel Weinacker, Stephanie Napier Third Row: Dee Anna Runnels, Lucy Newman, Robert Reeder, Keith Hembree, Jake Meek, Ryan Mahoney, David Morris, Melissa Freyder, Kelly Speer
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LIFTING OTHERS HIGHER ideal women

IDEAL Women is a branch of The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc (NACWC). It promotes the quality of life by inspiring the respect of others, enhances the growth and the development of our youth, encourages education responsibility and establishes friendship among the human race.

"An ideal woman is one who has values, morals and goals. She prides herself in giving back to the community and constantly strives to make a positive difference in the lives of others," Carmen Buford, IDEAL Women president, said.

Buford along with several other ladies including Constance Cash, vice president, Kiangé Kemp, treasurer; Tina Nguyen, secretary; Veronica Davis, public relations chair; Jillian Harper, fundraising chair and Courtney Fields, community service chair all work to share ideas, form bonds and reach out to those in need.

"The future of IDEAL Women is bright. Every year we have tremendous attendance at our membership mixers. This shows that there are many young ladies who want to make a difference in their community," Buford said.

One of the ways this organization tries to make a difference is through its campus involvement. "Coping with Katrina" and "Do Black Men Love" are two programs the organization played host to during the Fall 2005 semester. They also participated in the Fill the Stocking Toy Drive, the American Heart Walk and Martin Luther King Day of Service.

"We are a group of women with a common goal and that is to lift others higher as we continue to climb, thus our motto 'Lifting as we Climb'," Buford said. *Story by Justin Smith*

UNION ADVISORY BOARD



First Row: Taj Stewart, Brandi Ferrer, Mark Carter, Emily Simpson, Ronnie Herbert Second Row: Cassie Ziegler, Janet Payne, Fran Jones- advisor
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IDEAL WOMEN



First Row: Jillian Harper, Constance Cash, Carmen Buford, Kierra Outlaw, Courtney Fields Second Row: Latoya Roberts, Lashonda May, Rochelle Hutson, Veronica Davis, Jasmine Bradley Third Row: Adrieinne Walton, Shaundraya Pride, Ramonica Martin, Sheneka Jones, Alicia Roby, Ivory Cancer, Takeisha Tillman, Angela Iyanobar, Natalie Lee, Kimberly Green Fourth Row: Raven Wilson, Aa'Keia Hudrall, I'Sha Watts, Lauren McGowan, Kristal Pollard, Terica Carter, Monjineh Springer Photo by USM Photo Services

LEARNING WHILE LEADING

army rotc

The Southern Miss Golden Eagle Battalion, the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at the university, promotes the fundamental ideals of leadership. This helps the student to augment their studies with practical knowledge and makes multiple opportunities available for the student upon graduation.

The ROTC at The University of Southern Mississippi was activated in 1950 as an artillery unit by an act of Congress. Since this time, the program has sought to provide students with the basic leadership skills sought after by international companies and provide the armed services with skilled reserve officers.

"ROTC teaches leadership skills that companies are looking for, and students can use this leadership training to secure a job," Major William T. Smith, recruiting operations officer, said. "This program is very advantageous in the civilian world, not just in the military."

Students entering the program can choose to enroll only in basic classes, or they can be contracted and join the military after graduation. The many advantages of being a contracted student in the program include scholarship money and a guaranteed job after college. According to Lieutenant Colonel Charles Mitchell, the department chair, contracted students are commissioned as officers in the Army Reserves upon graduation and need not worry about paying for college.

Lieutenant Colonel Mitchell said, "ROTC members are students first, they have to graduate, but the ROTC acts as their part-time job. Commissioned students are getting enough money that they should be able to live comfortably and concentrate on their duties here and elsewhere on campus."

The ROTC at Southern Miss is separated into the different branches of the Armed Forces at the more advanced levels of the program, but all students are required to take the base-level classes of the program which focus on individual leadership. Mitchell said that the program is working toward getting these courses into the general curriculum under the leadership category so that ROTC students could get university credit for them. In addition to providing credit to ROTC students, this class shift would provide more incentive for non-ROTC students to take these classes that are very beneficial, according to Mitchell.

Within the Golden Eagle Battalion there are many groups that students can become involved in that participate in various activities and competitions. Groups such as Scabbard & Blade and the Ranger Challenge Team allow ROTC students the opportunity to sharpen their skills by adding training outside of the program. These groups always represent the university well. For example, the Southern Miss Ranger Challenge Team, a team that competes in military inspired athletic events, won first place in their category beating both Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi.

According to Mitchell, the importance of the program at Southern Miss is only a part of the importance of the program nationwide.

Major Smith said, "The ROTC program ensures that the military has a presence on campuses across the nation. If the military loses touch with society, then the country as a whole will have a serious problem." *Story by Chris Mills*



This member proudly makes his pledge to the program and his country. ROTC members are instilled with leadership on campus and will continue this leadership after graduation. *Photo submitted by Army ROTC*



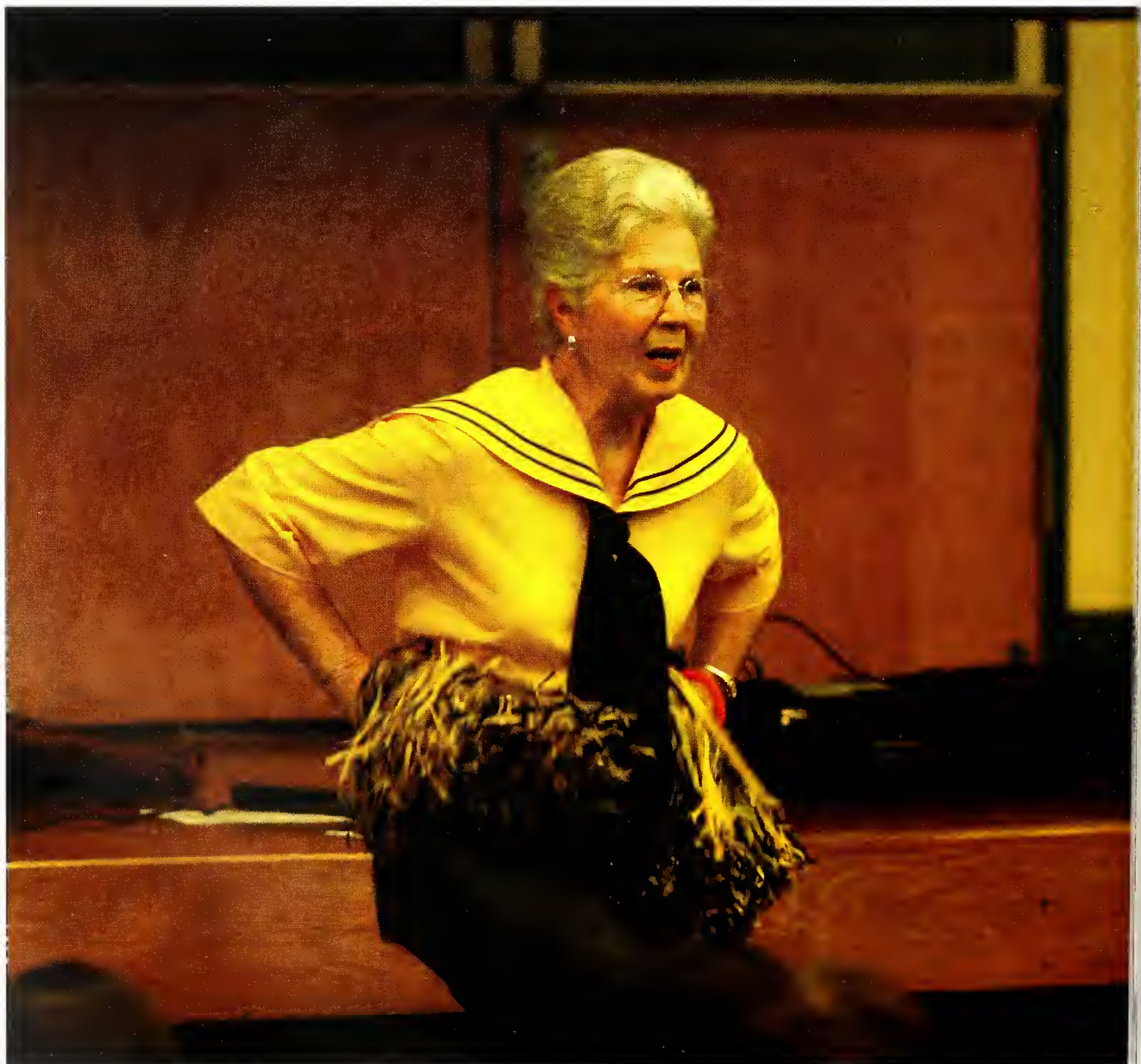
Several cadets gather near a military helicopter. Being a member of ROTC is a sign of good leadership and integrity. Some cadets contract to stay in the military after graduation.
Photo submitted by Army ROTC



First Row: Alexis Sanders, Zabrina King, Josh Bishop, Terrence Taylor, Gabriel Dearman, Davis Roy, Cassandra Holmes Second Row: Jerry Bowie, Clint Ellis, Lucas Beradi, Eddie Mitzel, Clifton Marshall, Samantha Fortenberry, LaToya Walker, Rachel Nix Third Row: Melissa Kolb, Bryon Ries, Nathan Holman, Adam Moore, Lane Russell, Robert McInnis, Chuck Mitchell, Jim Drago
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Left to right: Legacy Board Members- Melissa Friedman, Marilyn Parker, Ashley Cangelosi, Lindsey Castleman, Chris Walker, Keith Hembree, Brandon Belote, Neal Kirby, Chris Lewis, Kelly Hembree, Tabitha Epperson *Photo submitted by The Legacy Association*



Lecture Series guest speaker, Yvonne Arnold, who works in the Southern Miss Archives, shows the crowd a cheer from the early days at Southern Miss.
Photo by Elizabeth Keenan

KEEPERS OF TRADITION

legacy association



Photo by Elizabeth Keenan

This year The Legacy Association, the student chapter of the Alumni Association, continued their sponsorship of the Legacy Lecture Series, a program that is geared toward teaching students about Southern Miss and how it started.

Keith Hembree, the student advisor for The Legacy Association, said that the main focus of the program was to instill pride in the university and a sense of connection in students. He explained that when students understand the background and traditions of the university, they can take pride in all of the times the university battled the odds to establish itself as a legitimate educational facility.

"We are the keepers of the tradition," Hembree said. "This program is open to everyone, but we really encourage freshmen to come so that they can learn about and appreciate the history of Southern Miss."

In addition to the educational value of the program, Hembree explained that the sense of personal connection with the university and the school spirit involved helps establish family traditions of Southern Miss patronage. One of the goals of The Legacy and the Alumni Association in general is to see alumni enrolling their children in Southern Miss and witness even third and fourth generation Southern Miss students.

The Legacy Lecture Series was a series of four key note speakers spread throughout the fall semester. The lectures were mandatory for some scholarship classes, but beyond this were used to further instill the positive mentality of Southern Miss in freshmen after orientation. The speakers, for the most part, stay the same from year

to year according to Hembree. Even though the messages may be a little different each time, they always act to establish pride and a drive for excellence in students.

The first speaker was President Emeritus Dr. Aubrey Lucas who spoke on Southern Miss' path to distinction and how the school went from college, to university, and now presides as one of the most distinguished universities in the country. This lecture was followed by John Cox, voice of the Golden Eagles, who gave a brief history of athletics at the university and outlined how times have changed and how the university has adapted and even strengthened through the years. The third lecture in the series was given by Bob Pierce who spoke on the student perspective and how campus life has changed from the times of the separation of genders and integration into how it is today. The final speaker was Yvonne Arnold, the university's archive specialist, who spoke on the early history of the university. As can be seen, by attending all of these lectures, a student can learn about Southern Miss from any angle imaginable and have that much more pride in their school.

The Legacy is the driving force behind such large campus events as tailgating and even painting the Eaglewalk. With the addition of the Legacy Lecture Series to their list of annual accomplishments The Legacy Association is clearly seen as one of the most active groups on campus. Through events such as this, the campus community is drawn together through a common focus and a common sense of pride which remains unbreakable even after graduation and induction into the alumni family. *Story by Chris Mills*



Legacy members join together for a group photo after another successful night of sharing the traditions and history of Southern Miss with students. Photo by Elizabeth Keenan

LAMBDA SIGMA



First Row: Kendall Levens, Kelly Hembree, Ashton Tureaud, Melissa Freyder, Cody Clark, Staci Cochran, Lauren McDougald Second Row: Vincent Fabra, Meredith Bucher, Ashely Verrette, Courtney Dunn, Katie Anthony, Hillary Walters, Nichole Cyprian, Joshua Mannino Third Row: Patrick Lowery, Jillian Harper, Kristal Pollard, Haley Lewis, Roz Richards, Kate Rudzki, Laura Guiles, Ashley Cangelosi, Gray Weinacker Not Pictured: Joshua Aldy, Kerri Bell, JaRita Booker, Meghan Davis, Brandi Ferrer, Jennifer Gillis, Ronnie Herbert, Brittany Horne, Laura Hosman, Emily Howell, Julie Indest, Caroline Kingsdorf, Holly Pace, Beth Richardson, Brian Tanner, Karen Waldrup, Blayne Ward, Lauren Wozniak *Photo submitted by Lambda Sigma*

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA



First Row: Lesley Shannon, Karen Waldrup, Whit Meeks, Julie Indest, Ronnie Herbert, Kristal Pollard, Ashton Tureaud Second Row: Hillary Walters, Caroline Kingsdorf, Nichole Cyprian, Laura Guiles, Staci Cochran, Shan Lott, Ashley Cangelosi, Vincent Price, Mary Beth Walker- Advisor *Photo by Bart Lambert*

STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY

lambda sigma honor society

Lambda Sigma is the national service fraternity for sophomores at The University of Southern Mississippi.

The Southern Miss chapter was founded in 1965 by a group of female students hoping to create a place for female leaders on campus. In 1976 the group was opened to both males and females and switched from the name CWENS to Lambda Sigma.

Southern Miss' chapter of Lambda Sigma, one of only three in the state, inducts around 43 students each year. Each student must prove to have leadership skills as well as a 3.0 G.P.A. The very selective fraternity operates on the bases of leadership, fellowship, scholarship and service on campus and in the community.

The officers of Lambda Sigma are: Melissa Freyder, president; Ashton Tureaud, vice-president; Nichole Cyprian, secretary; Caroline Kingsdorf, treasurer; Kathryn Anthony, service chair, and Kendall Levens, social chair.

The officers have the opportunity to attend a national convention each year.

"I had fun sharing my ideas with other presidents at convention," Freyder said.

Convention is not the only activity in which Lambda Sigma members take part. The organization takes an active part in service by organizing projects such as their Term Care Packages. These packages are organized by the members to send to students from their parents to help uplift them through various points (such as mid-terms) in the semester. Another example of their service is their weekly trips to visit area nursing homes.

Lambda Sigma knows that a campus is just as strong as the community around it, therefore, they are active in supporting projects in the surrounding area. *Story by Tonya Jenkins*

HONORS STUDENT ASSOCIATION



First Row: Eric Nagurney, Craig Case, Leslie Gaddis, Rufus Hill, Sarrah Ali- Representative, Julian Vu- Web Master, Sarah E. Davis- President, L. Darius Williams, Kathryn Boleware, Dakota Dauner, Sara Johnson- Activities Coordinator, David Hanbury- Treasurer, Anne Nehlig- Secretary, Brian Williams- Ginger Maddox- Public Relations
Photo by Robin Bolton

THE EPITOMY OF SERVICE

phi eta sigma honor society

Phi Eta Sigma, a national first year honor society, is an organization that epitomizes service to the university and academic achievement. This society is one of the oldest and largest freshman honor societies in the nation and strives to be the most active honor society on campus.

The criteria for joining Phi Eta Sigma include an application process that requires a 3.5 GPA or higher and a commitment to service on campus. Officers for this year include Nathan Lee, president; Jade Matthews, vice president; Lauren McDougald, secretary; Vincent Price, treasurer; Shelton Pittman, historian and Julia Lott, activities coordinator.

"We strive to promote academic excellence, encourage scholarship and promote leadership throughout the freshman community," Nathan Lee said.

The service projects that were undertaken by Phi Eta Sigma this year primarily centered on fundraisers for the American Heart

Association, such as the Heartwalk. Lee said that these community services were important because they allowed the members to get the name of the society out into the community while helping members of the community who were truly in need.

The general consensus from the members of the group is that the fellowship and close friendships formed through the group are the primary reasons the members continue to stay involved. Although the society is an academic society they emphasized brotherhood as one of the group's major focuses.

Phi Eta Sigma is an honor society open to students who exhibit academic superiority. It provides these students the opportunity to join a tightly knit group of other academically successful students committed to making Southern Miss better than ever before.

Story by Chris Mills

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY



Left to Right: Janet Payne- newsletter editor, Shamika Wright- Webmaster, Bethany Dailey- public relations chair, Stephen Heinz- president, Rosie Parker- vice president, Sara Bailey- treasurer *Photo by USM Photo Services*

PHI ETA SIGMA



First Row: Shan Lott, Jade Matthews, Nathan Lee- president, Hillary Walters, Khue Nguyen Second Row: Toni Anderson- advisor, Vincent Price- treasurer, Shelton Pittman- historian, Ashanti Isheriah
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PHI SIGMA PI



Left to Right: James McGee- fundraising chair, Alvin McKinley- vice president, Justin Smith- historian, Courtney Fields- community service chair, Alisha Gilmore- president, Margaret Sifuentes- rush advisor, Kierra (Kaye) Outlaw
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GAMMA BETA PHI



First Row: Halima Welch- Historian, Tabitha Epperson- President, Markeshia Hammond, Jillian Harper, Sarah Sullivan, Jennifer Gillis, Stacey Gaskill Second Row: Benjamin Geddes, Logan Stogn Reporter, Moin M. Imran, Zack Vann- Vice President, Vincent Price, Torey Nathan- Recording Secretary, Rusty Anderson- Advisor Photo by USM Photo Services

COLLEGE STUDENT PERSONNEL



First Row: Serena LoConte, Tiffany Labon, Christina Cariveau, Nichol Armstrong, Kristy McGehee- President, Jenny Quinnelly, Sophia Robinson, Rheo Morris Second Row: Dave Aurich, Josh Walters, Tommy Cullinan, Arthur Stewart- Vice President, Richard Johnson, Chris Giroir Photo by USM Photo Services

PROGRESS THROUGH EDUCATION

gamma beta phi

Membership into Gamma Beta Phi, a national service and honor organization, is an immense honor reserved for students in the top 30 percent of their class. Founded in 1964 by a group of college educators, the society has based itself on the motto *Progressus per Eruditionem*, or Progress Through Education. Over 100 students who firmly support this motto were inducted in 2005.

Among the 100 members are: Tabitha Epperson, president; Zach Bann, vice president; Torey Nathan, recording secretary; Logan Stogner, reporter and Julie Clenonts, treasurer.

With the three letters of the Greek words for education, life and friendship along with colors of ebony and gold the society focuses on the areas of scholarship, service and character.

Gamma Beta Phi organizes a number of projects to aid the campus and surrounding community. Among the service projects hosted are highway clean-up, teacher appreciation week, and the collection of soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. Gamma Beta Phi also aided victims affected by Hurricane Katrina by collecting books and donating them to various schools.

"[The best part of being president is] making friends while helping to serve others in the community," Epperson said.

Gamma Beta Phi is an organization for students of any major who have proven that they strive for Progress Through Education and focus on helping others through service. *Story by Tonya Jenkins*

GRADUATE EDUCATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION



First Row: Casey Cockrell, Jennifer Ducksworth, Jen Alex. Second Row: Marsha Walters, Cynthia Parnell, Elizabeth Smith, Will David, Dr. Elaine Robertson, Dr. Lilian Hill. Photo submitted by Graduate Education Research Association

IMPACTING A GENERATION

afro-american student organization

The Afro-American Student Organization is an influential group which promotes diversity, community service and minority awareness on campus and in the community. The organization sponsors three major campus events including Showtime at the Apollo, the March on Kennard-Washington and the group's main event – the annual Rally Against AIDS.

The Rally Against AIDS is one event sponsored by the organization that gets a lot of attention because of its informative nature and long history at Southern Miss. The event began as an informative display in Shoemaker Square and has grown since then to incorporate refreshments and even a guest speaker this year. Free birth control samples and an enormous amount of informative reading material are also provided to students who attend the rally.

"The rally is very important seeing as we are in the south and statistically we are the most prone to STDs. Everyone needs to know about the dangers of AIDS." Tabitha Williams, the AASO secretary, said.

Ashley Thompson, another officer in AASO, said that the main benefit of the event was its impact on the freshmen in the organization.

"It helps freshmen especially because they may be coming to school and haven't had any AIDS or sex education, and the information provided through the program helps students become and stay more aware of their surroundings," said Thompson.

Williams explained that the event would remain part of the AASO's yearly calendar of events because the effects of the event are readily seen in every person in attendance. She said that at the very least people come for refreshments but leave with knowledge about

birth control, or AIDS in general that could be life saving. Williams said that college is definitely the first period of true freedom for many freshmen and it is important that freshmen are given this vital information before their freedom gets out of control.

In addition to this major event, the organization also participates in community service projects such as Relay for Life and fundraisers for the March of Dimes Foundation. They also plan entertainment activities for members such as bowling or laser tag and provide students the chance to become involved on campus through planning and attending these various activities.

AASO is led by an executive board and a panel of committee heads, which organize the many aspects of the group such as public relations, education and programming. Williams and Thompson both agree that the diverse involvement opportunities these governing bodies make available are the most important aspect of the organization.

"Some people can sing, some can dance, but we have a way that everyone, regardless of their specific talents can become involved," Williams said.

Williams added that AASO is the largest minority organization on campus based on membership, and that the organization gladly accepts membership by students of any ethnicity. The diversity of the activities and involvement opportunities is an aspect of the group that Williams said AASO attempts to mirror in membership.

Story by Chris Mills

AASO added guest speakers to the AIDS Rally this year. They helped to inspire students in self awareness. The Rally also provided birth control samples and informative reading material to reinforce their cause.

Photo by Elizabeth Keenan



Benard Grace, a senior advertising major leads the choir in an inspirational song at the AIDS rally.
Photo by Elizabeth Keenan



First Row: Courtney Smith, Aakeela Hudnall, Richard Johnson- graduate assistant, Sara Howard, Ricky Clark, Christina Nicchols, Benard Grace, Nicholas Lewis, Cresean Hughes, Damien Bissett
Second Row: Aaron Redd, Stacey Hamilton, Lakendria Milton, LaDonna Brown, Lakeisha Bryant- president, Nichole Carpenter, Natalie Lee, Ebony Scott, Shondra Berry, Kesha Vinton
Photo by Molly Buchanan

LEGACY OF A DREAM

naacp



Photo submitted by NAACP

Frank Gandy Jr., a student at The University of Southern Mississippi, was not alive when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. marched through the streets of Birmingham for civil justice. However, that did not stop him from participating in the NAACP's birthday celebration of the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"He was a great man of great accomplishments. He went through so much. He went to jail. He died for his beliefs. I feel that we own him a lot," Gandy, a junior marketing major from Jackson and vice president of NAACP, said.

Gandy, along with several other Southern Miss students, were led in singing "Amazing Grace" as they carried a candle and marched from the Commons Plaza to Stout Hall. The program continued inside with students singing, speaking and reflecting on the life, legend, and legacy of Dr. King. A slideshow took the audience down a timeline leading up to his death at a Memphis motel.

"I didn't have to go through it, but my ancestors did, and I appreciate what they did so I won't have to go through it," Gandy said.

The NAACP, AASO, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. sponsored this program, "The Life, Legend, and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

"I think it is commendable for a person, even at that time, to feel so strongly about something they believe in that they die for it. The dream they had touched so many people that it still lives today," Richard Johnson, minority affairs graduate advisor and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., said.

Johnson said commemorating Dr. King brings everyone together to learn about not just a man, but also a legacy.

"It brings a diverse group of people to the event. We are there not just to describe Martin Luther King 'the man,' but Martin Luther King 'the legacy.' I think that is the biggest thing you take back from this program," Johnson said.

He also said that Dr. Martin Luther King's dream has a personal meaning to him.

"To me I think his dream, is just one of equality. Not just working together because of their differences, but in spite of their differences," Johnson said.

As the program concluded, the audience sang "We Shall Overcome" and had a closing prayer. Johnson said that as students left Stout Hall they should have a better understanding of everything King represented.

Johnson said, "You should know more about the legacy that he had. His legacy, his dreams and his ideas transcend his death."

On January 30, 2006, less than a month after commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, his wife, Coretta Scott died.

Gandy said, "Behind every strong man is a strong woman. She was the epitome of a strong woman. Whatever he (Dr. King) went through, she had to go through too. She had to be a strong woman to go through all she went through at that time." Story by Justin Smith



The crowd had an opportunity to ask questions and share their feelings about the night's reflections
Photo submitted by NAACP

...giving a brief history of the speaker, discussing the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There were laughs and tears shared as everyone reflected on the dream of Dr. King.
 Photo submitted by NAACP



First Row: Courtney Douglas, Tiaura Harris, Kimberly Johnson, Ashley Thompson, Tabitha Williams, Pamela Robinson, Alice Walker, Nadirah Owens-Sabin, Latara Hudson. Second Row: Tammy Owens, Alexis Roby, Roderick Edwards, Chelsey Smith, Marcus William Martin. Photo by USM Photo Services

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA



First Row: Emily Polk- Historian, Jason Brown- Treasurer, Cassie Kennedy, Amaziah Coleman- President, Madhavi Patel- Co-Vice President of Membership *Photo by USM Photo Services*

LENDING A HELPING HAND

roots and shoots

The University of Southern Mississippi is host to a variety of organizations around its campus. Every student can find a niche in at least one of the many opportunities open to them through these organizations. If, however, the student is looking for a place to support the environment and cares about the well-being of animals as well as other humans, look no further than Roots and Shoots.

In 1991 Jane Goodall, along with 16 students who shared an interest in animals and the environment, founded Roots and Shoots. Soon after that first meeting, Roots and Shoots launched a national organization. With a mission to foster respect and compassion for all living things, promote cultural understanding and belief, and to inspire others to take actions to make the world an all around better place for all, more than 6,000 people have joined the group in more than 87 countries.

Roots and Shoots is advised by Dr. Sherry Herron. The executive members are Chris Cagle, president; Crystie Baker, vice-president;

Anne Gallagher, treasurer; Patrick Sanchez, secretary. The active members are Brittain Heindl, Stephanie Napier, Angela Wisely, Emily Womack, Brooke Wheeler and Allison Clark.

The national Roots and Shoots Organization hosts events that make people more aware of the environment, promote diversity, and provide service for animals as well as people. The Southern Miss Chapter sponsored a variety of events such as their environmental workshops in the spring. It also adopted two sections of the Intertribal Society's Medicine Wheel Garden and hosted a Haunted Trail for community children in the fall.

Roots and Shoots is a community service and service learning organization for people who share the goal of making tomorrow a better place starting today. *Story by Tonya Jenkins*

STUDENT OCEANOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



First Row: Egan Rowe Second Row: David Rosenfield, Moojoon Shim, Megan Butterworth, Pradnya Sawant, Andrea Neu, Ingrid Garcia-Hansen Honkala, Jennifer Kuykendall, Hailong Haug Third Row: Allison Mojzis, Kevin Martin, Raymond Pluhar, Rebbecca Schilling, Colleen Finnegan, Courtney Stringer, Jessica Lacy
Photo submitted by Student Oceanography Society

ROOTS AND SHOOTS



First Row: Sherry Herron, Dr. Lynne Houston Second Row: Erin Sheppard, Stephanie Napier, Leslie Gaddis, Angela Wisely Third Row: Emily Wernick, Christie Baker, Anna O'Slagh, Christopher McKenney Fourth Row: Brittan Heindl, Chris Cagle Photo by USM Photo Services

Lance Fisher brings some local life to Southern Miss as he performs for the crowd. The UAC sought to bring an array of local entertainers to the spotlight with the Home Grown Concert Series.
Photo by Robin Bolton



First Row: Chris Cagle- Major Entertainment/Technical Director, Christina El-Mur- President, Amy Thompson, Graduate Assistant, Krista Hayes- Special Projects, Rayshun Terrell Hopson- Variety, Ki Le- Advertising, Mark Carter- Union Second Row: Jeannine Baiky, Davin Thomas, Ulinda Nguyen, Chris Boothe, Will Ratcliff, Kenya Holifield, Mary Katherine Goin, Leslie Gaddis, Kate Rudzki, Sa Tweedy, Conie McGree-Weekly Third Row: William Thompson, Alvin McKinley, Jeremy Hard, Edward Wortly, Jonathon Pegues, Leland Davis, Roger Magee II, David Walker, William Timber Von Irvin, Robert Harris *Photo by USM Photo Services*

A HOME GROWN SUCCESS

university activities council

What do Zarathustra, The Squirms, The Griffenz, This Orange Four, and The Original Cast all have in common? Hattiesburg. This is the point that the UAC relayed with the new Hub City Home Grown Concert Series. This music series, resembling a local music festival split into different days spread across a semester, is geared toward bringing the emerging musicians of Hattiesburg to campus, and the resources of the campus to the emerging musicians of Hattiesburg. In this way all parties benefit, and the university is able to have a non-traditional cultural event, one geared toward the present generation and not the past. By signing local bands to concerts held in the commons, the UAC and Southern Miss were able to deliver live musical entertainment at no cost to students.

Sarah Davis, the Major Entertainment Chair for the UAC, said that the concert series is an ideal way to provide quality programming for the university while supporting and utilizing local resources. It is clear from this outlook on the program that the relationship the concert series forges between the local music scene and the university is truly symbiotic.

Chris Cagle, UAC Technical Director, said, "It's a good way to share the university's resources with the community." This is the way in which local musicians benefit from the concerts while Southern Miss students enjoy a free show.

The university is very dedicated to making college an enjoyable experience for students and this is one more testament to that fact. Of the bands that took part in this series many are local bands that

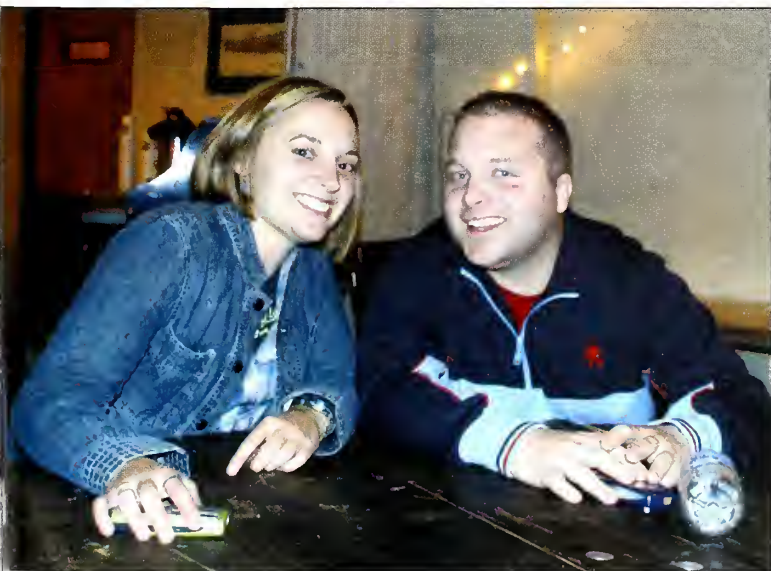
play at venues charging at least \$5 a show and are many times 18 or older shows. By bringing the shows to the campus, students or their family and friends of any age are able to see these immensely popular bands without the hassles of off-campus venues. The success of the series can be measured by the response of students.

Eric Nagurney, a student volunteer at WUSM, said, "The Homegrown Series is great because it showcases Hattiesburg's burgeoning local music scene."

The primary attraction to the students is the great diversity of musical genres represented in the series. Bands such as This Orange Four and The Squirms played a very modern indie-rock set that had onlookers enthralled with the amazing energy emanating from the stage, while bands such as The Griffenz played a more Hip-Hop styled set that appealed to an entirely different group of students while presenting the same amount of enthusiastic energy.

The Hub City Homegrown series was definitely a success. This surely means that there is a good chance of a repeat next year. The establishment of traditions such as this is essential in developing a unique campus. This is obviously the avenue that Southern Miss is traveling. By repeatedly offering local bands and musicians a chance to play for the students, and repeatedly allowing the students to partake in an amazing live show, The University of Southern Mississippi not only establishes itself as a great giver to community, but also as a university that allows its students to enjoy their college experience.

Story by Chris Mills



Abbye West, a junior speech communication major from Waynesboro, Miss., and Jeff Pates, a senior speech communication major from Ocean Springs, Miss., enjoy the talents of the Chance Fisher Band. *Photo by Robin Bolton*

These members add fine detail to this model's ensemble before she takes to the runway. There are many pressures associated with the fashion industry and it takes many hands to prepare one look. *Photo by Robin Bolton*



First Row: Sarah Pankiewicz, Jessica Prude- president, Jeri Boren- treasurer, Natasha Junearick- vice president, Jennifer West Second Row: Ashley Henderson, Brandi Cagler, Michelle D'Amico, Sadaf Malik, Danielle Cole *Photo by USM Photo Services*

EMERGING WITH STYLE

fashion merchandising organization



Photo by Robin Bolton

Many student organizations have a direct relationship to a specific major or minor. This is the case with the Fashion Merchandising Organization, which acts to augment the course work of fashion merchandising students with hands on experience in the industry through a series of meetings and hosting a fashion show.

The two main officers of the group, President Jessica Prude and Vice President Natasha Juneaerick, as well as Dr. Judith Roberts, the group's faculty advisor, act to make FMO not only a course-work related group but also a philanthropic force in the community. By promoting community service, academic excellence and continued education in the fashion industry, the organization's first goal is to produce well-rounded students capable of excelling in the workplace.

"This organization allows students an outlet to be creative and have fun, as well as interact with other students in the major," Juneaerick said.

Despite the fact this is a course-related organization, students from other majors are accepted into the group as well, a fact that Juneaerick says sets it apart from other major-based organizations on campus.

The many activities of the group include community service projects such as fundraisers for Habitat for Humanity as well as the local Breast Cancer Foundation. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month and lives by the famous quote by Edna Woolman, "Fashion can be bought, style one must possess."

"It takes a special gift to be successful in the fashion industry and this organization acts to foster this gift in its members," Juneaerick said.

The major event sponsored by the group is its annual fashion

show, which was started in 2005 after the group reestablished itself on campus. The fashion show for this year was put in jeopardy because of shifting schedules due to Hurricane Katrina. However, all of the members who participated in the 2005 show agreed that it was a positive experience that taught them much more than a textbook could have.

Dwana Haley, a returning member of the group, said, "The fashion show showed me the types of pressures and responsibilities that a real job in fashion merchandising would provide, and helped me realize what specific job within fashion I enjoyed the most."

In addition to points about the pressures and responsibilities outlined by Haley, Juneaerick said that the show and the organization helped students realize how many different jobs are encapsulated under the large heading of fashion merchandising and gives the students a glimpse of how much goes into a real fashion show.

Aaron Robinson, a new group member, said, "The event is also very promotional for this organization that helps fashion majors and those interested in fashion."

Juneaerick explained that in addition to giving students a static view of the fashion industry, the organization sought to instill the dynamic nature of the industry in the minds of its members, and promote life-long learning to keep the students at the top of their class and at the cutting edge of emerging styles. *Story by Chris Mills*



Natasha Juneaerick and Brandi Cagler give Jeri Boren's hair added lift for that breezy runway look. The fashion show gave members a real behind the scenes look at the work that really goes into putting a show together. *Photo by Robin Bolton*

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA



Left to Right: Adam Moore, Chris Crisler and Cherie Kay Thriffley Photo by Chris Payne

STRIVING FOR DIVERSITY

future black law students association

In March of 2004, a distinguished group was born at The University of Southern Mississippi. The Future Black Law Students Association was formed with the goal of populating America's schools with a diverse and prepared group of individuals. Southern Miss is the first college campus to sponsor a FBLSA.

The association provides graduate and undergraduate students with a variety of opportunities to explore their interest in the field of law. The association takes part in pre-law conferences all over the United States, provides minority focused pre-law information and helps prepare members for the LSAT.

"It's fulfilling knowing I am helping to fill the minority aspect in the legal system," Andrew West, charter founder and national chairman, said.

West feels strongly about FBLSA due to the under-represented African-American population in law schools and his passion for the law. With the philanthropy of Echelon (Encouraging Children and High School Students to Explore Legal Occupations Now) the association volunteers at secondary schools in Hattiesburg mentoring children. An annual scholarship is also awarded to one high school student.

"The FBLSA began working on the core values of accountability, professionalism, leadership, academic achievement and integrity," West said.

FBLSA continues to uphold their core values while striving to diversify the field of law. *Story by Tonya Jenkins*

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB



Left to Right: Heather Necaise, David Taylor, Nate McRae and Olivia Cox Photo by Bart Lambright

FUTURE BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



First Row: Arthur Stewart Lumzy Jr.- graduate advisor, Terrance Duncan, Chris Boothe, Chris Epps II, Andrew West- chapter founder, Roderick White- marketing, Antwan Payne, Devin Thomas- vice president Second Row: Kimberly Bates, Kimberly Green, Nakkia Hatten, Ke'Arndra Hart, Rayshun Hopson, LaShenya Robinson, Keith Lampkin- president, Shaundraya Pride- financial affairs, Tearanny Reed- membership director, Kenya Adams, Jade Matthews Photo by USM Photo Services

COMPASSION^{FOR} THE COMMUNITY

bachelors of social work club

The Bachelors of Social Work Club discusses and learns about issues that the social work system deals with in everyday situations. One of the organization's passions is the community. Each month, individual group members take part in community service projects.

The organization also donates money to organizations such as the Red Cross and the American Cancer Society. Every year they participate in the Adopt-A-Family program.

To bring members together from their individual work, a banquet has been held for the last two years in May. The Bachelors of Social Work Club is open to anybody currently taking social work classes.

The president of the organization, Jessica Patterson, said, "The BSW Club helps people be more aware of social work, and help people in the community in a more positive way."

Story by Tabitha Williams

BACHELORS OF SOCIAL WORK CLUB



First Row: Marcelene Thompson, Kashika Burkett, Kim Dykes- vice president, Jesse Bias, Cynthia Bradley- treasurer, LaTara Leggett- representative, Kathy Gilmore- representative Second Row: Jessica Patterson- president, Morgan Little, Amy Ealy, Teddy Cobb, Latya Mitchell, Casey Dittus Photo by USM Photo Services

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First Row: Shannon McIntosh, Kenya Holifield, Alexis Williams, MarQuita Green, Erica Myles, Lekica Boyd, Roselyn Ahua, Trakena Cole, Amaziah Coleman and Rachael Jones Second Row: Monjineh Springer, Brittany Jones, Dewun Brown, Ashley Walker, JaRita Booker, Sedrick Bradley and Omari Pittman Third Row: Tyeisha Scott, Jerrick Rose, Jerome Beaman Fourth Row: Jarvis Chambers, Will Gray III, Rudy Bracey, Marcus Houston and Jason Brown *Photo submitted by IMAGE*

AMERICAN HUMANICS



Left to Right: Susannah Gregg, DeVita King, Brandi Booth, Staci Cox Not Pictured: LaShanna Sorrell, Leah Young, Kiangé Kemp, Quiana Pennington, Katriel Nash
Photo submitted by American Humanics

RECREATION MAJORS ASSOCIATION



First Row: Stephanie Hamilton, Tomeka Johnson- service chair, Kwamina Mason, Eddie Duran, Katlin McDowell, Dr. Rick Green, Sarah Martin- president Second Row: Dr. Brent Wolfe- advisor, Kail Baldwin, Jimmy Kelly, Dancia Wallace, Chad Odie *Photo submitted by Recreation Majors Association*

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS



First Row: Angel Brown, Rene Jackson, Ashley Estes, Kimberly Sanders, Lianakesi Ruffin, Tyeisha Scott Second Row: Erick Kelly, Roderick Thurman, Rudy Bracey, Christopher Blake, Derrick Young, Mosell Davis Third Row: Jason Smith, Jabari Mapp, Kristofer Wright and Jarvis Chambers *Photo by USM Photo Services*

PROMOTING A VISION

future optometrists association

Every first and third Tuesday of the month, students who share the vision for optometry meet to form the Future Optometrists Association.

Two years ago, three students chartered the association at Southern Mississippi making it the first optometry group in Mississippi. The charter members are Tsega Alemu, Rossie Ahua and Hilari McFarland.

"I felt it (the association) would make other people aware of the field," Alemu, a chemistry and biology major and president of the organization, said.

In order to promote the field of optometry, the association participates in different events such as eye care booths at carnivals and vision screenings at schools and churches.

Along with the mission of promotion is the group's mission of encouragement. The association helps students prepare for the Optometry Admission Test (OAT) needed to enroll in optometry school.

Being a member also gives students the chance to not only network with other pre-optometry students but also with optometrists. By holding banquets for local optometrists and having them speak at meetings and events, the members are allowed to see what the profession really entails.

Rossie Ahua, vice-president of the organization, said, "It's a lot more comforting when you meet someone else who's pre-optometry. It really does make you feel encouraged."

The Future Optometrists Association is a result of three girls who shared the same vision of eye care for all. *Story by Tonya Jenkins*

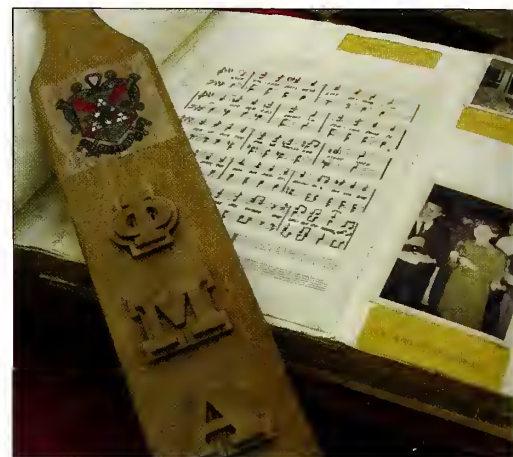
FUTURE OPTOMETRISTS ASSOCIATION



Left to Right: Rossie Ahua, Trakena Cole, Tsega Alemu Photo submitted by Future Optometrists Association

UPLIFTING THE SPIRIT

phi mu alpha sinfonia



All Photos by Jennifer Petcher

Camaraderie, scholarship and musicianship are the primary focuses of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, an organization whose main goal is to bring musicians together for social purposes.

Derrick Bridges, the organization's president, said that Phi Mu Alpha was founded to bring musicians together and use music to uplift the human spirit. The projects the group is involved in are important to this goal and include the annual February Love Session as part of Mills Music Mission, Sinfonia's national initiative and this year's first annual Gospel Fest.

"Phi Mu Alpha gives its members an avenue of networking and helps build their musicianship as well," Bridges said.

Sinfonia, a Latin root for the English word "symphony," was started nationally in 1898 in Boston, and by 1957 the Eta Psi chapter had been established at Southern Miss. The national founder, Ossian E. Mills, felt that music was important in everyone's life and that it was capable of freeing the terminally ill from their pain. Based on the work Mills did for the terminally ill the organization sponsors a weeklong series of events to honor him and his service.

The main on-campus event being sponsored by the organization this year is their first annual Gospel Fest, which Bridges said is very important because many music students at Southern Miss are not familiar with gospel music and feel inferior to it. The event consists of a series of gospel performances geared toward showing the great diversity in the different forms of gospel music.

"As far as our campus is concerned there are many people who have very little exposure to the various forms of gospel music and until they have more exposure they will never be able to truly appreciate this diverse genre of music," Bridges said.

Gospel Fest has been in the works for a long time, but this year the event was finally put together and held in honor of Black History Month. Bridges said that although it was difficult to put together, he hoped that it would start a chapter tradition of having the event during Black History Month because gospel music is such an important part of the African-American Culture.

"I felt a little reserved about the event at first because a lot of changes have been made to the schedule, but in the end, if anything I think it got better in a lot of ways," Bridges said.

In the future Bridges said that Sinfonia would try to improve the event by seeking other organizations that may be interested in co-sponsoring it. With the resulting increase in funding, the event could be made into a much larger concert.

In addition to Gospel Fest and the Mills Music Mission, the ten active members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia usher for musical events on campus, offer musical entertainment and work with many different youth mentoring programs. Sinfonia is a group that is striving to leave a legacy of service, brotherhood, and musicianship at the Southern Miss, and improve the school through their musical talents and service ambitions. *Story by Chris Mills*



Christopher Washington, a senior music education and jazz studies major, rehearses for the Sinfonia Gospel Fest. The members worked many long hours preparing for this event.



Herman Wilcox, a freshman music major, looks through a display of the group's history at an interest party held in the Manoir Performing Arts Building. The interest party is one way that members recruit new students that may not know about the group.



First Row: Christopher Washington, Rod Taylor-vice president/secretary, Derrick Bridges- president, Corey Hosey Second Row: Antonio Hall- fraternal education officer, Jeffery Murdoch, Mark Moore Thomas Rogers- warden/historian

Greek Life did not appear on campus until 1935 when Kappa Alpha Tau came to campus as the first social fraternity. The first sorority, Sigma Tau Kappa, a local group, came soon after as did the first national sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma, in May of 1937. Greek Life saw substantial growth under the leadership of Dr. R.C. Cook who became university president in 1945. Dr. Cook believed that for students to have a truly well-rounded education the option to join these social groups should be available, and since his presidency Greek Life has constantly been growing at Southern Miss.



GREEKS

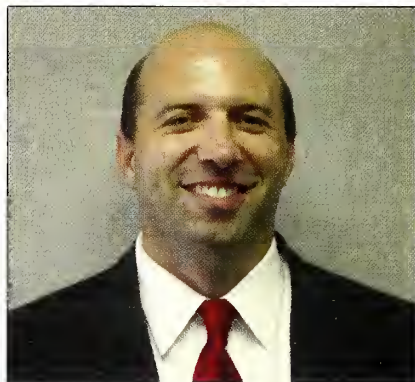
Currently, there are numerous fraternities and sororities for students to choose from, rushing has become more elaborate in ceremony, and simply because of temporal differences, the events these groups sponsor and attend have changed drastically. Current plans to build the Sorority Village and the charters of new groups such as Iota Phi Theta illustrate the constant additions that are made to the Greek Life program. Although groups like Tri Sigma are no longer on campus, their contributions to the Greek program are still apparent, and as in the case of student organizations, Greek groups change with the times and student interests. This metamorphic nature of the program is what makes it an influential aspect of student life and a leading philanthropic force on campus and in the community.

Story by Chris Mills





Erin Rust
Greek Life Manager



John Burks
Assistant Dean of Students
for Greek Life



Valencia Walls
Administrative Assistant
NPHC Advisor



Matt Duckworth
Coordinator of Fraternity
Housing and Programming



Dave Aurich
Graduate Assistant

Photos by Tracy Thomas

BEHIND THE SCENES

leaders making it happen

What makes the Office of Greek Life interesting? "Students make it interesting," says John Burks. He enjoys working with and meeting students. Burks, a native of Pascagoula, Mississippi, has worked as the assistant dean of students for the Office of Greek Life for two years. He became interested in the Office of Greek Life as an undergraduate. Burks holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in speech communications from Southern Miss.

"It's something I love to do, and I get paid for it," said Erin Rust, Office Manager for the Office of Greek Life. After graduating from Mississippi State with a master's degree in counselor education and student affairs, this Starkville native decided to come to Southern Miss and join the Office of Greek Life staff. Like John Burks, she said her undergraduate experiences attracted her to working in the Office of Greek Life. She loves working with social groups because there is something different to do everyday.

"The people and students I work with make it fun," says Valencia Walls. Originally from Jackson, Walls is a Southern Miss alumnus and a past National Pan-Hellenic Council president. She received her undergraduate degree in child and family studies. With three years of serving as administrative assistant for the Office of Greek Life, she is living out one of her dreams. "This is something I wanted to do since I was in high school," says Walls. She credits the leadership skills and networking opportunities she has acquired to her Greek lifestyle as an undergraduate.

Matt Duckworth is the coordinator of fraternity housing for the Office of Greek Life. Duckworth, from Clinton, Mississippi, has a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism and a master's degree in public relations from Southern Miss. *Story by Justin Smith.*



BACK ROW: 2005 council - Kelly Hollingsworth, Erin Sheppard, Katie Shubert, Lea Locke, Erin Rust, Sara Bailey, Anna Brannin, Lauren Ward and Jennifer Beaver FRONT ROW: 2006 council - Maggie Wesley, Wren Ward, Leslie Holder, Libby Gantt, Kaitlin Ziz, Shannon Davis, Jessica Bordelon, Mallorie Davis *Photo by Molly Buchanan*

The College Panhellenic Council, also known as the CPC, is made up of nine young women that act as the official governing body of the eight national sororities represented at Southern Miss. The eight sororities are: Phi-Beta Phi, Phi Mu, Kappa Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Chi Omega, and Alpha Delta Pi. Kelly Hollingsworth's involvement with her sorority's own council, along with her desire to get more involved, prompted her run for the office of CPC president. Lea Locke, a Biloxi, Miss., native, said, "It's (CPC) a good way to promote Panhellenic unity." *Story by Tonya Jenkins*



BACK ROW: 2005 council - Charles Arinder, Dustin Renaud, Chad King, Keith Hembree, John Burks, Jeff O'Keefe FRONT ROW: 2006 council - Chris Lyman, Adam Buckalew, Bradley Charlesworth, Jeremy Miller, Josh Mannino *Photo by USM Photo Service*

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) is the governing council of all IFC fraternities and four NPHC fraternities on the Southern Miss Campus. This year's IFC consisted of nine officers. The President was Chad King. "As president, I oversee everyone on the council as well as the fraternities. I also attend campus meetings as the fraternity representative," King said. A total of six vice presidents also assisted the president. The Chief Justice and his associate were in charge of the IFC Judicial Board. They serve as the governing officers of that board. The IFC is a group of young men chosen and voted on each year by the fraternities. *Story by Carlie McCrary*



BACK ROW: Robert Houston, DeAnte Smith, Valencia Walls, Steven Smith FRONT ROW: Grace Allen, Pamela Scott, Catrice Stribling, Fallon Lowers, Teneida Cole *Photo by Matkia Wilson*

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is an umbrella of unity and celebration for the Divine Nine. The council provides a strong bond among Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Iota Phi Theta. The council's president, and Omega Psi Phi member, Steven Smith said that NPHC is about a group of diverse members coming together to help other people. Black Greek Week is one of many visible examples of the council's function. *Story by Justin Smith*

The week of August 12-16, 2005 was an incredibly busy week for the Panhellenic sorority women as they held their recruitment parties. Most sororities prepare far in advance for this important week. Some preparation even begins in the spring when Rho Chi's, or recruitment counselors, are chosen.

Greek Life Manager Erin Rust said, "Recruitment is the lifeline for sororities and it can be a stressful week because you are on the go for 24 hours, seven days, for one week." In addition, many changes were made to Recruitment 2005 from previous years.

"The main change... was that USM participated in a new release figure model expedited from the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC). The purpose of this formula is to match the majority of the new recruits with their number one sorority choice as well as match the sorority with their top recruits." Rust said.

As the week progressed, each sorority found that the new system had both advantages and disadvantages.

"Recruitment was very successful. We were able to extend a bid to a sorority to every woman who participated in the whole week of recruitment." Rust said

Story by Carlie McCrary

SORORITY RECRUITMENT

adding to the sisterhood



The members of Phi Mu eagerly wait for their new members to arrive at their door on Bid Day. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

Potential new members run through the Freshman Quad to the Panhellenic dorm after receiving their bids. Barrett Arinder, a freshman from Columbia, Miss., leads the crowd as a new Chi Omega. Two new Kappa Deltas follow close behind.

Photo by Chris Payne



ABOVE: Recruitment Counselors, back row, left to right, Kelly Hollingsworth, Erin Sheppard, Kristina Harwood, Kristen Waters, Megan Wilkinson, Zandy Vernaci, Kelly Sprague, Ann Brannin, Sara Nicholson, Anne Pennebaker, Jennifer Matthews, Natalie Hickman, Jennifer Beaver, Lauren Ward, and Lea Locke. Front row, left to right, Katie Shubert, Sara Bailey, Alison Fox, Christen Hartley, Kaitlyn Ziz, April Ivins, Lauren Lestremay, Erin Lambert, Shannon Davis and Lisa Page. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*

FRATERNITY RECRUITMENT

building of a brotherhood

The week of Sept. 19-24, 2005, was an extremely busy week for all Southern Miss fraternities. Approximately 180 potential fraternity members participated in formal recruitment this year.

During the week of recruitment, potential fraternity members visited each house to meet and get to know the members of the different fraternities. Each night throughout the week, the potential members narrowed down their fraternity choices.

"Recruitment was a great experience for me," Nathan Smith, a sophomore Alpha Tau Omega, said. "I had a great time getting to know the different fraternities and would suggest going through rush to anyone."

During the week the potential members are assisted by young men from each fraternity called Rho Alphas. They are not allowed to disclose their own fraternity until bid day when the pledges have all chosen the fraternity they want join.

Adriel Rocha, a freshman Kappa Sigma pledge, said "I chose Kappa Sig because during the week I met and talked to many different guys realizing how much I had in common with them. I saw the bonds that the guys shared and knew it was the best place for me." *Story by Carlie McCrary*



Members of Sigma Chi Fraternity enjoy activities after getting their new pledges on Bid Day. *Photo by Chris Payne*



Rho Alphas: James Allen, Bryan Bledsoe, Brandon Moffett, Carland Holsted, Chad King, Patrick Walker, Bradley Charlesworth, Seth Hester, Garrett Ford, Ryan Baroni, Ed Staurt, Kyle Brown, Dustin Reno, Adam Schraeder, Keith Hembree, Russ Cullinan
Photo by Rossie Anua



Racing down Fraternity Row for his new-found fraternity, a Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge shows his pride.
Photo by Chris Payne



Members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority step out and show their skill for stepping.
All Photos by Laneisha Womack

For over 15 years, the National Panhellenic Council has come together not only to woo everyone with their amazing steps, or to end the NPHC week, but to celebrate unity among themselves. The annual step show, also known as the "Divine Nine" show, is named for the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities at the University of Southern Mississippi. The nine organizations are Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Phi Alpha and Iota Phi Theta.

This is the first year all nine organizations have been represented on the campus of Southern Miss, with the addition of Iota Phi Theta. Although chapters from other universities are invited to the show, only the nine representative organizations of Southern Miss are entitled to performance space.

Each group is responsible for its choreography and, despite the 10 minute performance time limit, some groups start practicing as early as June. A winner is declared by the NPHC executive board

and awarded with not only a trophy, but a \$1200 prize, as well as Appearance, uniformity and synchronization are some of the things that are judged during the competition. Usually, the show sells out very early, and this year, it was sold out by noon on the day that tickets went on sale. Around 1,000 spectators, Greek and non-Greek, watched as Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated walked away with the grand prize.

The step show is a great celebration of unity, as well as a philanthropic act, for the proceeds from the show are used to fund the annual operations of the National Panhellenic Council. The show is a celebration among the Greek organizations at the University of Southern Mississippi, and it is also a treat to the entire community.

Story by Tonya Jenkins

STEPPING WITH THE DIVINE NINE

NPHC week hop contest



With arms raised up and a swing to the left, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha put on a great show.



Madrick Odie, Deante Smith, and Jonathan Phillips, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity show the crowd when it comes to stepping, it's all about breaking into the move and getting down with it.



With their masks on and lots of spirit, the members of Delta Sigma Theta show how they want their stuff.

Dave Aurich, a graduate student from Lafayette, La., representing Kappa Sigma Fraternity, offers a helping hand to a little girl in need of some candy. When asked "What do you think about Frat Row holding a Trick-or-Treat event for kids, Dave says, "I think it's great! It's always a lot of fun."

All Photo by Tracy Thomas

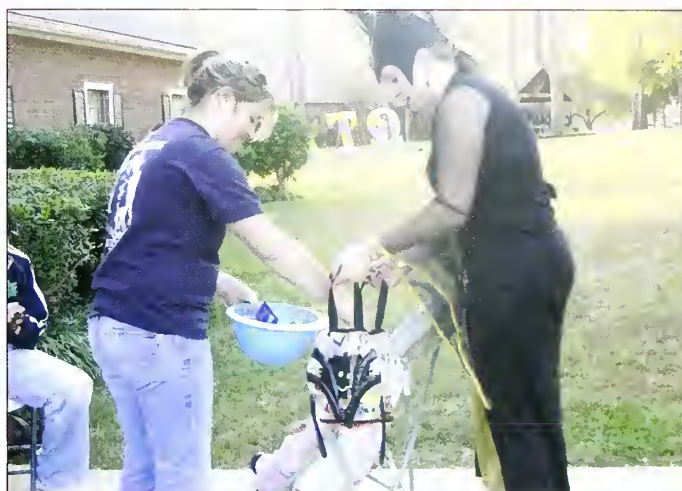


TRICK-OR-TREAT ON GREEK STREET

greeks getting involved with the community



Delta Sigma Theta member, Pamela Scott gives candy to a small child trick-or-treating up and down fraternity row.



Kim Belsom, a sophomore member of Chi Omega passes out candy to a child in front of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house. Chi Omega and Delta Tau Delta worked together to make Halloween exciting for the children.

Every year, a Trick or Treating event is held on Fraternity Row to serve the children of the Hattiesburg community and the children of the students, faculty and staff of The University of Southern Mississippi.

"I think it's great for the kids," Clint Farve, a senior from Slidell, La. and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, said. "This is what helping the community is all about."

Each fraternity house had members of their chapter as well as members from sororities standing in the front of the houses to greet the children as they came by and to pass out the candy.

Pamela Scott, a senior from Yazoo City, Miss., said, "It's a great idea. It's good for the children to get a feel of the campus." Scott represented her Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, at the Phi Kappa Tau house.

All Fraternities and Sororities alike, ranging from Pi Beta Phi to Alpha Phi Alpha, took part in this event. All agreed that having children "trick-or-treating" on Fraternity Row was a great idea to help give back to the community and a great chance to interact with Southern Miss's Greek life program. *Story by Tracy Thomas*



Telia Brewer, a freshman member of Kappa Delta from Vicksburg, Miss., enjoys reaching out and interacting with the children. She brings joy to the face of a baby dressed as a lion for Halloween.

NIGHT LIFE ON FRATERNITY ROW

students party into the night



A member of Delta Gamma Sorority enjoys a fun night at the Kappa Sig House with her friends. Photo by Eric Wrigley

Band parties, football game after-parties, dancing, talking and just having fun...these words describe a typical night on Fraternity Row. Although Thursdays are a popular night for a party, there is always something going on at a fraternity house. Contrary to popular belief, there is something for everyone at a fraternity house. There are loud bands and dancing in the party rooms, quiet rooms and couches for conversations and even people watching television in some rooms. The halls of fraternity houses are usually full of guys and girls talking and just hanging out.

Fraternities have several band parties a year. Featured bands include, Lazy K, Gillian and Fritz and 2 Hypnotic. Fraternities also have individual "themed" parties each year.

"Pike has a date party once a year called Alphatraz. It is a t-shirt date party where you are handcuffed to your date for the beginning of the night," Shawn DuBose, a sophomore Pi Kappa Alpha, said.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon also has a date party called Patty Murphy at which guests dress as mob members.

Nathan Smith, a sophomore Alpha Tau Omega, said, "ATO has a date party in the spring of each year called the Viking Party. We have a band and everyone dresses as Vikings."

Each Halloween, Kappa Sigma hosts its annual Undertaker's Ball. The members bring dates and each dress in a Halloween costume.

Vince Fabra, a sophomore Pi Kappa Phi, said, "Pi Kapp hosts an annual date party each year called 'Hook a Brother Up.' This is different from your normal date party, as each Big Brother finds a date for his Little Brother and each Little Brother finds a date for his Big Brother. Sometimes it is a surprise, but the outcome is always great."

Many fraternity parties are open to everyone and provide a welcoming and fun atmosphere to all. Fraternity parties, both date and house parties, are always a great way to socialize and meet new people. Story by Carlie McCrary



Phi Mu girls at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house celebrate a victory as the overall winners in the Margaritaville Competition. Photo by Eric Wrigley

Members of Alpha Tau Omega party all night with the band after a Southern Miss home football game. Photo by Chris Payne

Sigma Chi dances in their costumes at their Halloween Party. Photo by Chris Payne

ALPHA DELTA PI



Photo by Bethany Ker

The ladies of Alpha Delta Pi have a proud past. As the oldest secret society for college women, Alpha Delta Pi has established a reputation as the First, Finest, Forever, and they have continued this tradition into the present. The 2005-2006 school year has been a phenomenal time of sisterhood, celebration and accomplishment for Alpha Delta Pi.

The sisters of Alpha Delta Pi are true leaders in the Southern Miss community. With involvement in the Honors College, Luckyday, Leadership Scholar program, Campus Civitan, Residence Life, Alpha Lambda Delta, Lambda Sigma, Golden Key, Order of Omega, Southern Style, GEWW Crew, Southern Misses and Dixie Darlings, the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi have proven themselves to be more than average women. In 2005, Alpha Delta Pi held the first annual Lion's Share

Challenge Dodge Ball tournament to aid the Ronald McDonald House and they continued this tradition in 2006. Alpha Delta Pi also provide their services to Habitat for Humanity and the Mississippi Gulf Coast following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Amongst all of their hard work, Alpha Delta Pi also found time to have fun. From pizza parties and movie marathons to the annual Mallard and Black Diamond Balls to the first annual Mardi Gras Masquerade and Casino Night. Alpha Delta Pi organized sisterhood socials and date parties that will remain in our memories forever. Every time I see the passion and heart my sisters have for Alpha Delta Pi, I realize that Alpha Delta Pi is not something a person becomes; is a part of who they already are, and they are my sisters.

Story Submitted by Elizabeth Bridges



Members: Sarah Alyas, Allison Beler, Jessica Benigno, Brandi Brewer, Elizabeth Bridges, Lindsey Brinton, Jessica Buckelew, Nicole Charlet, Kimberly Danczyk, Ladonna Ellis, Kelly Ennis, Hilary Faries, Claudette Gilman, Kristin Hamilton, Sarah Hanson, Haley Higdon, Kathryn Hillman, Courtney Holcomb, Barrett Jones, Bene' Knowles, Jessica Lamb, Lana Lattanzi, Leslie Lawrence, Aliana Little, Elizabeth Long, Samantha McSparrin, Rebecca Moore, Melissa Nick, Jessica Pace, Leslie Phillip, Laura Phillips, Regina Regan, Andrea Robinson, Kyra Robinson, Mary Rogers, Lauren Rose, Leah Schultz, Alyse Stephens, Nicole Whiteman, Eleanor Wilson. Photo by Matukia Wilson



tailgating in The District, Lauren Rose, Jessica Lamb, Sarah Hanson and Kelly Ennis, gather with sorority sisters at the Alpha Delta Pi tent before a football game. *Photo submitted by Alpha Delta Pi*



Leah Shultz, Elizabeth Bridges, and Jessica Buckelew get ready for a night out on the town. *Photo submitted by Alpha Delta Pi*



With sounds of sweet melody, the ladies of Alpha Delta Pi sing "Still, Still, Still" at Chi Omega's annual Songfest where they placed first in vocal performance. *Photo by Chris Payne*

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA



Erin Vaughn represents her sorority with their hand sign
Photo by Bethany Kent

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, became America's first Greek-letter organization established by black college women in 1908. The legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha became a part of The University of Southern Mississippi on April 12, 1975 when the Iota Kappa chapter was formed.

The main focus of the ladies of Iota Kappa is to be "supreme in service to all mankind" and to emphasize the sorority's five targets which include: education, health, the black family, economic empowerment and the arts. These ladies continue to strive toward excellence implementing numerous community and campus activities, special projects and events.

The ladies of Iota Kappa promote education by issuing an annual scholarship to a freshman African American female. African American males that possess strong leadership qualities are recognized in the chapter's annual Mr. Esquire pageant. The ladies of this sorority also provide service to the communities by participating in service projects such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The ladies took a day on and not a day off for the betterment of the city of Hattiesburg. The ladies of Iota Kappa live strongly by their motto "By culture and merit," possessing the spirit of sisterhood and providing service to everyone in their path. *Story submitted by Alpha Kappa Alpha*



Members: Rosalyn Albritton, Danielle Aldridge, Tsegayesus Alemu, Adrienne Anthony, Adriane Battle, Tiffany Bonds, Catherine Bradley, Romika Bridges, Orisha Brown, Nekiesha Burley, Teneicia Cole, Lashondra Collins, Rasheeda Crowell, Moneka Dancy, Jewell Davis, Phoema Dubra, Erin Duffy, Shemina Ethridge, Karen Fielder, Bianca Frederick, Christina Gaines, Jessica Gordan, Latoria Green, Victoria Griffin, Patriona Hall, Tansy Hall, Joanna Harris, Tineciaa Harris, Krista Hayes, Chirstie Herrington, Brieah Hudson, Shenika Ivy, Lyndsey Jalvia, Vanessa Jefferson, Jessica Johnson, Latoya Johnson, Sharai Johnson, Cynthia Jones, Shari Jones, Rhonda Jordan, Natasha Junebrick, Kiange Kemp, Yolonda Magee, Carol Manning, Reo Maynard, Courtney McCray, Tameka McMiller, Latessa Minor, Stacy Morgan, Kalisheah Okhomina, Jessica Olive, Jessica Prude, Bridget Regan, Dameshia Reese, Sophia Robinson, Tyra Saucier, Tiffany Shelby, Catrice Stribling, Katashia Taylor, Erin Vaughn, Latoya Veal, Carla Wheeler, Carrie White, Joelle Wilcots, Krystal Young. *Photo by USM Photo Services*



The ladies of AKA enjoy a day volunteering for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Project. Alpha Kappa Alpha is one of many Greek organizations that participate in this event. *Photo submitted by Alpha Kappa Alpha*



Members of AKA sorority enjoy a day on campus together with one another. AKA has the benefit of living on campus together in the Panhellenic dorm. *Photo submitted by Alpha Kappa Alpha*



Outside of the Commons, members of AKA put on their probate show for Southern Miss to welcome new members into the sorority. *Photo submitted by Alpha Kappa Alpha*

CHI OMEGA



Photo by Janet Payne

On April 5, 1895, a small band of young women, with the help of a local dentist, established symbolism, strength and sisterhood that today binds together over 300,000 women from over 170 campuses. Chi Omega is a place to make countless memories, build confident women, and be a classic Chi Omega lady.

On April 23, 1949, the Epsilon Delta Chapter of Chi Omega was the first chapter established on Southern Miss's campus. From the beginning, the ladies of Chi Omega have stood for six purposes: scholarship, community service, sisterhood and personnel, career development, friendship and social and campus involvement. It is evident that Chi Omega is building a strong and great legacy at Southern Miss. One such legacy is Chi Omega's Songfest. The longest philanthropic event on Southern Miss's campus, this year Chi Omega raised over \$16,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Chi Omega is for a lifetime. One day, you hope to have your own legacy become a member of this great sorority. Dean Smith, alumn of the Epsilon Delta Chapter, has two daughters that became Chi Omegas. "The memories of sharing secrets and moments with sister who become forever friends is what you want for those who come behind you. You want to leave a heritage of being a Chi Omega lady in all areas – social, spiritual, and moral character," Smith said.

A legacy is something handed down or continued from previous generations. In generations to come, women will have a chance to share the secrets and memories of being a Chi Omega. Through leadership, friendship and developing one's best self, Chi Omega Fraternity will continue to leave a legacy of excellence.

Story submitted by Erin Lambert



Members: Nicole Anding, Sara Bailey, Ashley Barrient, Kimberly Belsom, Erica Bennett, Brittany Bridges, Kathryn Bush, Ashley Cangelosi, Katie Carr, Emily Drye, Kelly Estes, Ashely Faggard, Lucy Ferguson, Katie Fuller, Libby Gantt, Nikki Gatlin, Jennifer Gee, Calla Gibson, Ashley Grant, Kathryn Gray, Jennifer Gunn, Katie Harris, Amanda Henley, Greta Hill, Haley Hilton, April Ivins, Rachel James, Amy Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Jennifer Lahuta, Erin Lambert, Stefanie Lance, Megan Lee, Michelle Leland, Jennifer Matthews, Mallori McBride, Luci Moore, Jennifer Moran, Chelsea Newman, Rachel Odom, Holly Pace, Janet Payne, Deane Pierce, Melissa Puckett, Adrienne Pylant, Kelly Quint, Claire Richardson, Jessica Sanders, Amanda Santmyer, Megan Sheets, Julie Sheridan, Kelli Stewart, Haley Stiglets, Brandy Strickland, Lauren Ward, Wren Ward, Elise Warren, Carley White, Lauren White, Charli Wilson, Terri Wolfe, Dana Woodcock, Sarah Young, Karen Allen, Barrett Arinder, Taylor Barefield, Taylor Borries, Elizabeth Brown, Hayley Bryant, Kristen Cangiamila, Staci Cochran, Brooke Crumpton, Lauren Goodman, Laura Green, Amanda Hammond, Hannah Kelly, Courtney Kennedy, Brittany Laird, Whitney Morris, Hannah Pittman, Meredith Price, Lindsay Richardson, Sarah Catherine Robinson, Barabara Wakeland, Haley Walker, Valerie Warrington, Elizabeth Welch. Photo by Jennifer Petcher



With new member Amanda Hammond leading the way, the ladies of Chi Omega march side by side down the steps of Reed Green Coliseum to sing songs of Christmas cheer. Chi Omega's annual philanthropy event is Songfest, which includes a holiday singing competition between sororities and fraternities and a silent auction benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Photo by Chris Payne



Chi Omega seniors take one of their last pictures together on bid day. These seniors will always remember the great times they spent together, and they will definitely leave their mark here at Southern Miss. Photo submitted by Chi Omega

Gearing up for their Redneck-themed swap with Sigma Chi fraternity, first year members Whitney Morris, Karen Allen, Barbara Wakeland, Barrett Arinder and Valerie Warrington get ready for a night of music, dancing and pictures. Photo by Bethany Kent

DELTA DELTA DELTA



Photo by Bethany Kent

Hailing from Alabama, I knew that I wanted to go through formal recruitment before I even graduated high school three years ago. Knowing that you want to go through formal recruitment is one thing, looking back after several years and realizing that you chose the right sorority - the best sorority - is an entirely different matter. I never would have been able to predict how Tri Delta has enhanced my education, my friendship and my life.

In retrospect, I can say in all sincerity that Tri Delta has completely taught me the meaning - in its truest form - of sisterhood. We have

shared it all; at our most beautiful moments and at moments where the only beauty we had was on the inside. Importantly, that is what Tri Delta stands for; beauty from the inside out.

We are a beautiful chapter, and it shows. From working fervently to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, to individual emotional support for victims of Hurricane Katrina, we will always rise to the call of sisterhood, support and charity and embrace those we can help. It is this that sets us apart from others, and this that binds us together as the ladies of Tri Delta. *Story submitted by Erin Sheppard*



Members: Karla Anderson, Amara Beech, Amanda Box, Meredith Bucher, Bridget Bumgardner, Rebecca Chandler, Jennifer Cornette, Allie Couey, Sarah Duncan, Margaret Ellzey, Megan Evans, Lauren Forte, Lacey Fortenberry, Rachel Franks, Anna Gaston, Melody Gill, Kathleen Goff, Brooke Graves, Mallory Haynes, Kim Helton, Lauren Horne, Caroline Kingsdorf, Sydney Krhut, Alicia Lane, Kelly Langford, Virginia Lewis, Amy Marslander, Lindsey Mayhall, Lauren McDougald, Andrea McLelland, Jessica McNellage, Kristen Mitchell, Meaghan Mitchell, Veronica Moreno, Christina Murphy, Stephanie Napier, Christen Palmer, Jamie Rawlins, Ashley Robichaux, Kathryn Robinson, Mary Paige Saliba, Katie Scianna, Anna Serpente, Erin Sheppard, Kate Shirley, Karly Skjoldager, Kelly Sprague, Stephanie Stamps, Miranda Street, Megan Stuard, Sommer Thorton, Amber Wadsworth, Karen Waldrup, Mary Darby Wall, Brittney Walters, Jessica Walz, Megan Wilkinson, Catherine Williams, Allie Williamson, Chrissy Black, Lauree' Chabert, Allison Combes, Courtney Crist, Jessica Cuchens, Sarah Fayard, Meaghan Fox, Heather Goldman, Bethany Kent, Hannah Lafontaine, Catherine Lippe, Laura McGarrh, Katlin Mueller, Shani Murray, Frances Ryan, Amber Shaffer, Randi Shamp, Rachael Shannon, Tessa Singley, Tiffany Skrmetti, Lauren Soutullo, Lauren Therrell, Jordan Torbert, Carlin Wagner, Brigitte Walters, Sasha Williamson, Christina Ziemann. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*



Stephanie Stallips, Tri Delta member, is shown with a young girl dressed as a fairy princess with a game of bucket toss at The Hattiesburg Zoo's Annual Zoo Boo Halloween Carnival. Every year Tri Delta helps Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity with their philanthropy event.
Photo by Bethony Kent



Kam Mueller and the rest of her pledge class sprint to the next clue to finding their big sis. Big Sis/Lil Sis day is a time for pledges to bond with older girls in the sorority before initiation.
Photo by Bethony Kent



Before every football game The District is full of exciting fans visiting and grilling out. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

DELTA GAMMA



Photo by Jennifer Petcher

The ladies of the Delta Pi chapter of Delta Gamma have called Southern Miss home for over 30 years. Since their founding, the Dee Gees have always strived to "Do Good" in all facets of life.

Through campus involvement and philanthropic service, they have left a permanent mark on this Hattiesburg campus. The girls are involved in everything on campus including honor societies, Southern Style, SGA, Eagle Connection, Dixie Darlings, CPC Executive Council, Cheerleading, Varsity Sports and more. In addition to on-campus activities, Delta Gamma supports their national philanthropy, Service for Sight, by hosting their annual Anchor Splash.

Delta Gamma offers women of all ages a home away from home. The most distinguishing aspect of this Delta Gamma chapter is their

strong sisterhood. Sisterhood has always been something that the Dee Gees hold very dear to their hearts. Some sisterly activities include movie nights, trips to Jackson and New Orleans, exciting swaps and parties and their annual Anchor Ball. They pride themselves on having fun with each other through sisterhood, scholarship and service.

Dee Gee's primary purpose is to create an environment where sisters can form lasting friendships and experiences that help them develop a deeper love and consideration for others. They strive to touch the hearts of everyone they meet. Above all, the bond of a Delta Gamma sister is unforgettable, unbreakable and definitely one that lasts a lifetime. *Story Submitted by Jordan Hailey*



Members: Melissa Bishop, Lindsy Boulette, Emily Bowman, Kendall Cooper, Dondi DeAngelo, Tiffany Hyunh, Lauren Lestrema, Brandi Mannion, Alex Miller, Sharley Mills, Jen Phillips, Lauren Serret, Emi Vincent, Allison Applewhite, Beth Cochran, Jordan Hailey, Mary Catherine Harrison, Terah Henderson, Adrienne Hinton, Kathleen Lenoir, Lea Locke, Michelle Murray, Sarah Nicholson, Joanna Ott, Nik Scirono, Ginny Sims, Ginger Vowell, Kelli Watkins, Maggie Wesley, Mary Frances Wilks, Kaitlin Ziz, Karen Allred, Nell Cohen, Courtney Dunn, Jill Ferguson, Erin Gilbert, Leah Grafton, Liz Harrington, Christina Hughes, Ashley Jenkins, Jessie Lang, Haley Lewis, Kelly Lewis, Rachel Newton, Erin Parker, Alex Peter, Lauren Presley, Roz Richards, Mandy Roberts, Anna Smith, Robin Smith, Ashley Verrett, Laura Watson, Allison Wellborn, Kathryn Anthony, Catherine Barber, Brittany Beasley, Brit Burroughs, Jenny Eaton, Alexis Fonte, Nicole Fontenot, Laura Guiles, Jessie Kidd, Melissa Lang, Olivia Lan Mary Lawrence, Amy Martin, Tara Moe, Brittany Murch, Amanda Newman, Jenny Parker, Hannah Rachal, Laura Reeves, Brooke Anne Robinson, Erica Sims, Stacey Stater, Machel Weinacker, Marc Wicks, Ashley Wineki, Kristi Wittmann. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*



Linda Boulette pumps herself up for the annual Kappa Sigma Margaritaville dance competition.
Photo by Chris Payne



Karina Boring and Stacy Slater hug before finding out they are going to the Delta Gamma chapter in the city.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher



The Gee's beat the heat under their tent in The District before the homecoming game against The University of Central Florida. Delta Gamma has kept this tradition of getting together in The District before football games for years and plan to spend many more together. Photo submitted by Delta Gamma

DELTA SIGMA THETA



Photo submitted by Delta Sigma Theta

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately black college educated women, the sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement.

The Mu Nu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was admirably conceived July 27, 1975 on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. Since their charter, the ladies of Delta

Sigma Theta have upheld their principles of scholarship, sisterhood and service by raising the bar through philanthropic events, academic achievement and campus leadership.

Recently, the Mu Nu chapter was recognized for completing the most community service hours and attaining the highest individual female grade point average among National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations. Furthermore it is also, indeed, an honor to declare that for the past three consecutive years, Miss Southern Miss and several Who's Who Among American Colleges & Universities recipients have been members of this dynamic sisterhood. The members of Delta Sigma Theta continue to pave the way in every aspect, led by Christian values, undying faith and inevitable love for all.

Story submitted by Pamela Kay Scott



Members: Ebony Berry, Carolyn Brooks, LaKeisha Bryant, Deanna Dantzler, Crystal Fields, Marquita Green, Aspen Hardges, Candi Johnson, Katrina Jones, Emma Larke, Carman Lewis, Jennifer Lott, Elbernita Martin, Delandra Mickens, Erica Myles, Tyronza Phillips, Pamela Scott, Marquita Shavers, Monjineh Springer, Tamisha Strode, Quenesha Thomas, Raven Wallace, Tiffany Williams
Photo by USM Photo Services



These Delta ladies show off their moves at the NPHC Black Greek Week Step Show. The Step Show is a competition between the NPHC fraternities and sororities. *Photo by Toni Bynum*



The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta are all smiles after a hop contest outside the Commons. *Photo submitted by Delta Sigma Theta*

A few members of Delta Sigma Theta enjoy spending time together at their Christmas party. Christmas parties are a great way to spend time with friends before parting for Christmas break. *Photo submitted by Delta Sigma Theta*

KAPPA ALPHA THETA



Photo Submitted by Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Alpha Theta is the first Greek lettered fraternity known among women. The Zeta Psi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was established at The University of Southern Mississippi in 1998. In almost its eighth year at Southern Miss, Theta has made itself a staple of the college community. They are very active in community service, philanthropies and non-Greek groups on campus.

Each year Kappa Alpha Theta raises thousands of dollars for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) through their philanthropy event Kicks for CASA. All proceeds from the event go toward helping abused and neglected children find new and improved homes as quickly as possible.

Not only do these Southern Miss Thetas help people on a national level, but they also help locally. The devastation of Hurricane Katrina

on the United States Gulf Coast put the lives of people who lived there in a state of chaos. The Thetas took on a year round fundraiser in order to give the students of D'Iberville High School a prom as well as a sense of normalcy.

The ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta are not all work with no play. Their social calendar includes functions like a Grab-a-Date party, Christmas party, a Crush party, a Mardi Gras bash and the Into the Mystic formal. Sisterhood is of the utmost importance to Theta. Each semester is filled with activities which promote and encourage bonding. Events such as competing in other Greek organization philanthropies, Theta Thursdays or just going out for a bite to eat bring these sisters closer together in the ties of friendship.

Story submitted by Kappa Alpha Theta



Members: Amanda Barrett, Jennifer Beasley, Megean Blackwelder, Gemma Booth, Anna Brannin, Allison Burnett, Bethany Dailey, Chancis Dubard, Marion Fiorentini, Samatha Fortenberry, Les-Leigh Friedmann, Mary Gasparrini, Lesley Harrison, Jessica Hill, Kathryn Kneip, Meagon Kuhn, Mandy Lawrence, Allyson Liner, Stacey Lott, Sara Lowrey, Jennifer Mayo, Keri Morgan, Delyth Murphy, Lucy Newman, Tina Nguyen, Lisa Page, Erica Parker, Margarita Votano, Virginia Weathers, Coleena Wolfe, Jennifer Abernathy, Sarah Barton, Candice Combs, Madison Davis, Leah Gaines, Brittany Gregory, Noelle Hardesty, Kristen Jennings, Melissa Ladner, Shannon McGill, Megan McLain, Jennifer Mitchell, Tabitha Newbold, Amanda Pritchett, Sara Schlesinger, Jessica Shackleford, Lacy Sibley, Kelly Speer. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Kristen Jennings busts a move with her sisters on the stage at Kappa Sigma's Margaritaville Dance Competition.
Photo by Bethany Kent



Lisa Page, Margarita Votaw, Mary Gasparrin, Jennifer Mitchell, Noelle Hardesty and Delyth Murphy climb up on the fence to get a better view of the stage at Kappa Sigma's Margaritaville.
Photo Submitted by Kappa Alpha Theta



The ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta gather around their Christmas tree in their chapter room to celebrate together before they all leave for the holidays.
Photo by Bethany Kent

KAPPA DELTA



Photo by Jennifer Petcher

Founded on Oct. 23, 1897, in Virginia, Kappa Delta began to mold the lives of four young women into something more than they could have imagined. They created a sorority that would grow to become one of the top sororities in the nation. With over 200 chartered chapters across the country, Kappa Delta bonds young women together in love, honor and friendship.

Serving our community is something which holds a special place in the heart of Kappa Delta. Last year, over \$7 million was donated to Prevent Child Abuse America, Kappa Delta's national philanthropy. National Women's Friendship Day, the third Sunday in September, was also created by the women of Kay Dee to celebrate one of the best gifts in life, friendship. Kappa Delta has created a legacy that is still changing lives today.

Cherie Kay Thriffley, Kappa Delta President 2005, said, "When I pledged Kay Dee I thought I was just joining a sorority. Instead, I was stepping into a circle of friends who loved me for who I am. I became a part of something that would change my life forever, and I am a much better person for having the honor to say I am a Kappa Delta."

Kay Dee looks to the past for its convictions, the present for its opportunities and the future for its dreams. Kay Dee is not just for the present, but forever remains a part of you. As sisters we stand, for we know that it is our unity that makes it possible for us to accomplish phenomenal things, and that is a Kappa Delta legacy.

Story Submitted by Leslie Stevens and Anne' Stackel



Members: Cherie Kay Thriffley, Tracie Haag, Ashley Triplett, Leslie Holder, Zandy Vernaci, Megan Voss, Johanna Romero, DeeAnna Runnels, Beth Richardson, Meredith Wong, Amanda Bailey, Heather Burkett, Victoria Burton, Candace Bush, Lyndsey Castleman, Nicole Crawley, Natalie Fisher, Allison Fox, Leigh Frazier, Joanna Gaston, Michelle Gordon, Kelly Hollingsworth, Adrienne Kren, Lindsay Phillippi, Cheree Rembert, Heidi Ryan, Caroline Shull, Dana Smith, Jenn Tapper, Courtney Ulrich, Amanda Coccaro, Whitney Doleac, Abby Espey, Patrice Gagliano, Holly Hollifield, Alyson Matney, Molly Newman, Shannon Nowell, Sarah Soloman, Elizabeth Stiebing, Molly Demedius, Rachel Hancock, Mar Esther Waldron, Christy Blaine, Stephani Bower, Nicole Cohea, Whitney Coker, Shawna Dunaway, Greer Garraway, Melinda Gonzales, Beth Guess, Lewaire Harvey, Rachel Hogan, Brittany Horne, Lauren Lee, Carlie McCrary, Sara McGrath, Kasey McKee, Emily Pettus, Kelly Privett, Chrissy Sanford, Katy Skelton, Lindsey Sparks, Leslie Spencer, Annie Stackel, Leslie Stevens, Emily Zelenka, Courtney Green, Tricia Rodgers, Haley Vines, Jenna Artz, Telia Brewer, Kat Christiansen, Natalie Comeaux, Madison Cook, Deirdre David, Holly Duke, Lindsey Gavin, Stephanie Golden, Sarah Gordon, Tiffany Hicks, Casey Jones, Stephanie McDavid, Lindsay McNair, Lindsey Meador, Mary Beth Murphy, Molly O'Brien, Mary Clare Palmer, Brittany Patterson, Lauren Payne, Jeannette Pecot, Maggie Pikul, Victoria Ramsey, Elyse Rieder, Neely Rush, Ansley Smith, Ashley Vinzant, Lauren Williams, Hanna Willis. Photo by Matikia Wilson



Shawna Dunaway struts her stuff for the 2005 Kappa Sigma Margaritaville. Kappa Delta won first place the previous year so they were featured as entertainment this year for Margaritaville.
Photo by Chris Payne



Melanie Gonzalez sports her look like a local girl about town. Every year the local girl about town picture to Panhellenic for treat or treating with Kappa Delta.
Photo submitted by Kappa Delta



The ladies of Kappa Delta pause from socializing to take a quick picture under their tent in The District. Kappa Delta is one of the many sororities and fraternities that participate in The District. *Photo submitted by Kappa Delta*

PHI MU



Photo submitted by Phi Mu

Phi Mu Fraternity was originally found as the Philomathean Society at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia on January 4, 1852. In the early 1800s, Wesleyan became the first college in the world to grant bachelor's degrees to women. In 1852 Mary Dupont Lines, Mary Myrick Daniels and Martha Hardaway Redding founded the Philomathean Society, later to be called Phi Mu. Phi Mu is the second oldest sorority for college women in the world. Our founders set forth a foundation of sisterhood in which we follow to this day. We have become one under our motto of Love, Honor, Truth and live by a bond that will unite us together for years to come.

"To lend to those less fortunate a helping hand" has always been a meaningful aspect of Phi Mu's heritage. At the 1986 National Convention, the Fraternity adopted Children's Miracle Network

Champions (CMN). Today we spend countless hours gathering money to help CMN in our state. The money we earn here in Mississippi stays here in Mississippi. Some of the ways we earn money for our philanthropy is our "Men of the Year Calendar". Pictures of outstanding males on our campus are presented in a 12 month calendar which is sold on campus and off. During Fall Recruitment we have the joy of painting ceiling tiles, which we bring ourselves to Jackson's Children's Hospital. Another exciting philanthropy that we are beginning this year, Fall of 2006 is CMNs Dance Marathon. This will be an exciting time for the community and campus to get involved in nine hours of fun activities. All of us here in Phi Mu are very excited about our new philanthropic event. Story submitted by Phi Mu



Members: Julie April, Jamie Baker, Allison Baptist, Katherine Baricev, Jessica Bordelon, Katie Boyles, Allison Brinson, Jennifer Burleigh, Amy Carlson, Allison Carroll, Jennifer Centola, Amanda Chappell, Adrian Clark, Jennifer Clark, Katie Dabdoub, Shannon Davis, Jessica Dean, Dannah Dobson, Sarah Doss, Katherine Duhe', Erin Fortenberry, Melissa Freyder, Emily Fulgham, Veronica Gilbert, Amy Gillies, Tara Gremillion, Caitlyn Grillot, Corinn Grillot, Lauren Harper, Kristina Harwood, Kimberly Hymel, Jessica Jackson, Jeannette Johnson, Monica Jordan, Kaitlin Kinter, Danielle Lanasa, Jennifer Lepre, Kelsey Lingsch, Katherine Lovvorn, Mandi Magill, Melissa Mauldin, Victoria Mayo, Victoria Miranov, Rachel Mullen, Kasey Murphy, Blair Norman, Elise Paciera, Courtney Patterson, Amanda Rabalais, Jordan Rankin, Brittany Romig, Sarah Schlesinger, Cassie Seymour, Kathryn Shubert, Katie Staiger, Nicole Touns, Lauren Trepagnier, Leigh Trotti, Katie Wahl, Megan Watts, Jessica Yennie, Amanda Young, Britany Baptist, Lindsey Buley, Jane Carriere, Lauren Clayton, Ashley Corish, Katherine Eley, Rachel Garvin, Rose Gonzalez, Lauren Graef, Elan Griggs, Anna Guillot, Lori Helfrich, Kathryn Hines, Katherine Jenkins, Jessica Kopf, Samantha Kozakiewicz, Angela Kurtz, Jessie Lackey, Kayla Loftin, Courtney Lofton, Megan Malone, Kelly McNeil, Kellen Murphy, Alexandra Richoux, Lauren Rigney, Whitney Salley, Laura Shaw, Polly Slawson, Christina Smith. Photo by Chris Payne



With a rainbow of colors, the ladies of Phi Mu put on a great rendition of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at Chi Omega's Songfest. Their performance earned them first place in the competition.
 Photo by Chris Payne



The Phi Mu dancers get ready for Kappa Sigma's Margaritaville. This year, Phi Mu sisters showed they had what it took to win and went home with the overall first place trophy.
 Photo submitted by Phi Mu

Rachel Garvin, Jessie Lackey, Cody Clark and Kelly McNeil enjoy another Saturday in The District.
 Photo submitted by Phi Mu

PI BETA PHI



Photo by Jennifer Petcher

In 1867, 12 women dared to dream a dream. Today, that dream is and always will be Pi Beta Phi. Founded on hopes of assisting young women in moral, mental and social advancement, women have since fostered the legacy which has left an everlasting influence on our world in so many ways. Member Lauren Anderson finds a deeper understanding to this eternal legacy.

Growing up, she was constantly surrounded by arrows and angels, Pi Phi's symbols. "I finally get it," Anderson proclaims, after having experienced the family legacy that she has carried on through her own involvement in Pi Beta Phi. Anderson's mother, Patricia Emens Anderson, was a member of the SC Alpha Chapter of Pi Phi in the 1970s and is currently a national Panhellenic delegate. "My mom was always doing something with Pi Phi; it meant the world to

her. She and my grandmother's Pi Phi initiation certificates also hung framed in our home," Anderson recalls from her earlier years. When Anderson chose to go through recruitment upon entering college, her mother grew ecstatic. "I knew my mom wanted me to be a Pi Phi, but in the end, I wanted to make my own decision," Anderson recollects "but when I came through, I knew exactly where I wanted to be." Now, a third generation legacy, Anderson, having been adopted as an infant, believes she now shares a deeper connection with her family.

Like the legacy that Anderson has carried on, Pi Beta Phi will, too live eternally through the values and traditions cherished and lived daily through its members here at Southern Miss and throughout the rest of the world. *Story submitted by Mimsie Ladner*



Members: Julianna Allen, Lauren Anderson, Megan Anderson, Samantha Anstead, Cristina Brewster, Kady Collier, Meghan Davis, Anna Dodge, Margaret Emery, Brandi Ferrer, Amanda Frierson, Jodie Haggard, Sarah Hollomon, Katie Kensinger, Shannon Knox, Jordan Ladner, Miriam Ladner, Megan Lobrano, Amanda Mele, Danielle O'Cain, Tiffany Pigott, Allison Pitts, Cassie Rainey, Pamela Rone, Erica Scharfenstein, Linda Shelby, Crystal Smith, Megan Smith, Brittany Sparks, Carrie Stockett, Jacqueline, Janet Watkins, Brandee Adams, Sarah Adcox, Alexandra Baker, Laurel Bland, Ashley Deaton, Jennifer DuBose, Erin Fahner, Jennifer Gesvantner, Kristin Higgins, Whitney Lee, Lindsey Lozes, Courtney Magee, Celeste McDonald, Emily Melacon, Faith Morgan, Nina Newman, Lauren Phipps, Kathryn Piddington, Shannon Stucke, Renee Thacker, Anita Thornton, Krystal Truitt, Ashley Williamson, Emily Young, Bridget Zewe. *Photo by Chris Payne*



A few members of Pi Beta Phi get ready for a night out on Frat Row. Photo submitted by Pi Beta Phi



Mimsie Ladner and Liz Maestri get decked out in camo for their Love and War Swap with Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Photo submitted by Pi Beta Phi



The sisters of Pi Phi enjoy a few snacks before a football game under their tent in The District. Photo submitted by Pi Beta Phi

SIGMA GAMMA RHO



Photo submitted by Sigma Gamma Rho

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated was organized on November 12, 1922, at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana by seven school teachers. Since 1922, over 400 undergraduate chapters have been established across the United States and the world. The Eta Tau chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho was founded in 1975 by 20 ladies at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Sigma Gamma Rho offers its members many opportunities to develop unique talents through leadership roles, philanthropy and other sorority activities. Sigma women are dedicated to helping one another, the community and our future. Our commitment to dedication is reflected within many of our philanthropic projects which include: Operation Big Book Bag, Project Wee Savers, Program

for Africa, Mwanamugumu Essay writing and Habitat for Humanity to name a few.

Their dedication is reflected within thier motto "Greater Service, Greater Progress." They adamantly believe in the empowerment of the community through action. This is the living legacy of Sigma Gamma Rho. After 83 years of dedicated community service, education and leadership, the ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho continue to uphold the tradition and expectations of our seven founders. They look forward to another 83 years of "Greater Service, Greater Progress." Story submitted by Selina Long and Desiree Sartin



Angel Addison, Tawanda Barker, Jennifer Corley, Margo Green, Selina Long, Roshonda Montgomery, Tiffany Pate, Desiree Sartin, Halima Welch, Zakiya Brooks Photo by USM Phata Services



Tiffany Pate and Angel Addison proudly wear their letter shirts on campus to support their sorority. Photo submitted by Sigma Gamma Rho



Selina Long and Graduate Advisor Denise Vega enjoy an afternoon of relaxation at a Mary Kay party. Photo submitted by Sigma Gamma Rho



Ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho show their excitement while participating in a hop contest one afternoon outside the Commons. Photo by Toni Bynum

ZETA PHI BETA



Photo submitted by Zeta Phi Beta

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded January 16, 1920, on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC. The sorority was founded on scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood, by five phenomenal women. The ladies of the Lambda Theta chapter are proud to continue their legacy of scholarship and service through their national and local projects. These projects consist of the Stork's Nest, Project Z.I.P. and Z-Hope, which focuses on empowering individuals through mind, body and spirit. Lambda Theta's annual Z-Hope (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) week consisted of programs to help people cope with the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina and community service at Christian Services.

The Lambda Theta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, was chartered on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi on November 26, 1984. Our sorority focuses on the importance of image, appearance and professionalism as they relate to the role of our sorority in the community. As a member of this chapter, I would like to leave behind the thought of Greek unity because we all are trying to reach the same goals but are pursuing them in different ways. The Lambda Theta chapter continues to leave legacies and foresee a bright future for our chapter as well as the ladies who will soon follow.

Story submitted by Yolanda Stewart



Members: Brenetta Alford, Grace Allen, Shannnon Cheeks, Fallon Flowers, Alillian Grady, Kimberly Gutter, Levonta Holland, Kawauna Hopkins, Lakeisha Johnson, Yolanda Stewart, Camellia Thompson, Tammy Trepagnier, Jamesia Wilson, Titianna Bonner, Telisa Callahan, Kristin Cyprian, Courtney Douglas, LaToya Gipson, LaShena Hayes, Kenata Morgan, Kimberly Smith, Latoya Smith, Ashley Thompson, Tabitha Williams. *Photo by USM Photo Services*



These Zeta ladies participate in a hop contest they hosted outside the Commons. *Photo submitted by Zeta Phi Beta*



These sisters of Zeta Phi Beta have fun showing off their singing and dancing skills. *Photo submitted by Zeta Phi Beta*



Yolanda Stewart and Brenetta Alford show their sisterhood pride while tailgating in The District before a football game. *Photo submitted by Zeta Phi Beta*

ALPHA PHI ALPHA



Photo by Matikia Wilson

The Mu Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha was officially chartered at Southern Miss in 1982, and has since earned many awards including State Chapter of the Year and the "Points of Light" award.

The awards bestowed on the group directly reflect their enormous effort to positively influence the world around them. The fraternity has established national initiatives to increase political empowerment, to support the March of Dimes Birth Defect Foundation and to empower African Americans to complete a secondary education. These large scale efforts are combined with local philanthropies to develop a holistic method of making a difference in the community as well as in the world. Some of Alpha Phi Alpha's philanthropies are the Miss Black & Gold Scholarship Pageant and Mandigo Fest, a week long series of service and social events for the community.

The main focus of the group is service as is evidenced by the long list of service-based activities, but this is not the only aspect of the organization that makes them stand out. Alpha Phi Alpha was founded in 1906 to be a Greek organization for African American and has since helped promote voter education and other previously biased institutions. Alpha Phi Alpha is dedicated to making the world a better place and ensuring the equality of all the world's constituent members. The motto of the group "manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind" clearly relates the commitment to equality that members of the organization share. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Justin Elliott, Carey Mays, Dedrian McNulty, Chadrick Odie, Alford Perryman, Jonathan Phillips, Deante Smith, David Turner. *Photo submitted by Alpha Phi Alpha*



Chad Odie helps lead Alpha Phi Alpha in a hop contest outside the Commons. *Photo submitted by Alpha Phi Alpha*



Members of Alpha Phi Alpha gather around this year's winner of the Miss Black & Gold pageant that the men of Alpha Phi Alpha hosted. *Photo by Matikia Wilson*



ew members of Alpha Phi Alpha socialize together in The District before the big game. *Photo submitted by Alpha Phi Alpha*

ALPHA TAU OMEGA



Photo by Bethany Kent

The Southern Miss Epsilon Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was founded nationally in 1865, and was chartered at the university in 1949.

ATO is very active in on-campus service projects and sponsors two major projects a year to benefit Habitat for Humanity. These projects are the annual ATO Haunted House in the fall and the ATO Crawfish Boil in the spring. The organization's Haunted House is in its 12th year and raises around \$10,000 annually in addition to the \$40,000 raised annually by the crawfish boil, which is in its 21st year. The longstanding traditions of service by ATO have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in funds for Habitat for Humanity, a national program aimed at ending homelessness.

In addition to service, the organization strives for a strong sense

of unity which is evidenced by their motto "with a bond as strong as right itself" This heightened sense of unity has become a strength of ATO that has led to their victory in numerous competitions. The Epsilon Upsilon chapter has won eight consecutive Merit Bowl Awards, an award based on philanthropy. They have also won other competitions in public relations and community service that are only given to a handful of chapters.

Based on their unity and outstanding contributions to the Habitat for Humanity fund, ATO is a fraternity with a clear vision of excellence that paves the way for future accomplishments in state as well as national competitions and portrays the commitment of each member to the service of the community. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Eric Arrant, Brad Belk, Joshua Brandner, Bradley Braud, Jonathan Brumfield, Evan Burke, Kenneth Carson, Clint Case, Andrew Cruppi, Anthony Day, Benjamin Gardes, Kevin Gervais, Matthew Glaviano, Christopher Griffith, Keith Hembree, Michael, Dustin King, Justin King, Brian Kowalski, Christopher Landry, Joshua Mannino, John McMahan, Whitney Meeks, Scott Mouledous, George Napier, Anthony Parker, Craig Peterson, Alessandro Pieri, Justin Ranger, Ronald Richoux, Joshua Rilette, Stephen Ryan, Reid Shea, Nathan Smith, Prentiss Smith, Brandon Thomas, William Tullos, Bradley Vrette, Richard Wagner, Tom Wagner, Patrick Walker, Grey Weinacker, Brice Abadie, James Bonck, Corey Bordes, Brian Bosworth, Spencer Cedor, Sean Cronin, Joseph Culotta, Matthew Davis, Myl Garver, Brian Guidroz, Taylor Guidry, Ronald Hebert, Christopher Jenkins, Aaron Kowalski, Wesley Laurendine, Christopher Legrand, Jeremiah Malmberg, Andrew Messina, John Ovella, Joseph Sab, Matthew Shadeed, Kevin Silva, Brian Tanner, Billy Tucker, Forrest Watson. *Photo submitted by Alpha Tau Omega*



A few members of ATO hit the slopes in Breckenridge, Colo. over Christmas break.
Photo submitted by Alpha Tau Omega



Alpha Tau Omega presents a check of \$2,000 to their philanthropy, Habitat for Humanity. ATO raised the money by hosting their annual Haunted House on Halloween.
Photo submitted by Alpha Tau Omega



Singing "Lady in Red," to the Chi Omegas in the audience, ATO puts on a show at Chi Omega's Songfest. *Photo by Chris Payne*

DELTA TAU DELTA



Photo by Bethany Kent

Delta Tau Delta is one of the oldest fraternities on campus. It was founded nationally in 1958, but was not chartered at Southern Miss until 1984. Delta Tau Delta prides itself on the diversity of its membership and strives to put aside the stereotypes that abound in the Greek system.

"We sell Delta Tau Delta here as a family of guys from many different places, backgrounds and disciplines, all living in a house in harmony because of a common vision: excellence," Jeffery Keysear, 2005 president, said.

The vision of excellence Keysear described is centered not only on academics but also a commitment to an incredibly diverse and impressive list of philanthropy projects in which the group is involved. For the last 16 years, the group has sponsored the Cystic Fibrosis Sports Challenge to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research

to honor the first chapter president who suffers from the disease. To date, Delta Tau Delta has raised over \$160,000 for the cause. In addition to this major project, the group teams up with the Association of Office Professionals at the university every year to sponsor a large garage sale to benefit the United Way. The group also participates in Adopt-A-Highway twice a year and Adopt-A-School at Rawl Spring Elementary School.

The long list of philanthropy projects Delta Tau Delta is involved in clearly illustrates the great ties they have to the community and to the university. These ties and their service are the two attributes that set the group apart from other fraternities and establish them as an incredibly influential group on campus and in the Hattiesburg area.

Story by Chris Mills



Members: John Allen, Matthew Boe, John Crumpton, Matthew Diiorio, Matthew Evans, Daniel Farish, Thomas Fears, Matthew Gandolfi, Matthew Gillis, Jonathan Hoffmann, Kevin Hundt, Jeffery Keysear, Percy Lynchard, Gregory Maurer, Travis Mitchell, Edmund Mitzel, Brandon Moffett, Jonathan Mosley, Trevor Ott, Nathan Parsons, Derek Wagner, Bentley Anderson, Bryan Aust, Judd Fowler, Brian Joyce, Jonathan Lee, David Mora, Stephen Sellers. Photo by Chris Payne

IOTA PHI THETA



Photo submitted by Iota Phi Theta

The Greek system at The University of Southern Mississippi is constantly growing, and with the charter of the Sigma Psi chapter of Iota Phi Theta in October of 2005, the program has expanded.

Sigma Psi sponsored a series of events for their first week on campus which consisted of a black history program and a poetry night. In addition to this series, the group plans to host events that make the campus community more involved in their national initiative, the Iota Youth Alliance.

The youth alliance is a mentoring program instituted in public schools to foster the education and development of minority students. This initiative is only one of the many national services Iota Phi Theta

provides. The organization also has national philanthropies benefiting Big Brothers and the Sickle Cell Foundation. The group is primarily involved in advancing and mentoring youth but also acts to raise awareness and funds for the research of Sickle Cell Anemia.

The organization's motto "building a tradition, not resting upon one" is a perfect parallel to their new charter at Southern Miss. Even though the organization has been around since 1963, the Sigma Psi chapter is not interested in coasting on national success but is dedicated to forging a new path at Southern Miss through continued commitment to service and the pursuit of excellence.

Story by Chris Mills



Members: Thomas Avery, Jamal Jones (Graduate Assistant), Gregory Reeves, Ricky Clark, Bradley Lewis, Merwin Brown, Benjamin Chaney. Photo by USM Photo Services



Ricky Clark shows his Iota pride by showing his hand sign. Many fraternities and sororities have hand signs that represent their organization. *Photo submitted by Iota Phi Theta*



Rumaging through a box of foam alphabet letters, Jamal Jones plays with children of Kid's Connection for a community service project. *Photo submitted by Iota Phi Theta*



The Christmas spirit, Thomas Avery, Jamal Jones and Greg Reeves celebrate together at an Iota Christmas party. *Photo submitted by Iota Phi Theta*

KAPPA ALPHA



Photo by Bethany Ken

Kappa Alpha fraternity was founded nationally in 1865, and was chartered at Southern Miss in 1949. This organization, founded on the concept of chivalry, stands out from the other Greek groups on campus by the way it acts to define itself by its members.

"We are called the Kappa Alpha Order, and to us that means we recruit guys who are chivalric, southern gentlemen and have embodied these ideals among others of Kappa Alpha since birth," Carland Holstead, KA president, said.

The chivalric quality the group strives to instill in its members is duly portrayed through the group's philanthropic activities, the largest of which is their annual blood drive in February. This event called

Operation Crimson Gift acts as a means of aiding the community and allowing others an equal opportunity to make a difference.

On a campus as relatively small and with as many Greek organizations as Southern Miss, it is increasingly difficult for any one group to make a name for itself. Kappa Alpha aspires to retain its prestige while striving to reach a new level through hard work concentrated on bettering the community. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Adam Brewer, Joseph Clements, Matthew Farquhar, Carland Holstead, Quint Hunt, Jared Ingram, Gabriel McPhearson, Justin Mitchell, Matthew Mock, Justin Nossier, Edward Renz, Matthew Davis, Michael Duncan, Billy Higgins. *Photo by Chris Payne*



Kappa Alphas enjoy another night of partying together at their house. *Phata submitted by Kappa Alpha*



The men of KA and their dates danced the night away at their winter formal. *Phata submitted by Kappa Alpha*



Painted in red, Matt Mock, Billy Higgins and Patrick Mooney celebrate bringing in the new 2005 pledge class on fraternity bid day. *Phata submitted by Kappa Alpha*

KAPPA ALPHA PSI



Photo by Chris Payne

Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity was founded in 1911 and has since made a great impact on the future of America. The Kappa Iota chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi that was chartered under the Delta Delta colony in 1980 brought the national impact of Kappa Alpha Psi to a local level.

The organization is involved in various community service projects such as Habitat for Humanity, AIDS awareness and prevention, Toys for Troubled Teens and the post-hurricane Katrina cleanup around the community. In addition to this list of local service projects, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity as a whole participates in the national Guide Right Program which acts to help motivate and foster the growth of young men. This program allows the young men to benefit

from the mentorship of the older organization members. It also instills leadership qualities in the members that are key to the mission of the fraternity.

The mission of Kappa Alpha Psi is essentially comprised of five main parts. It encourages honorable achievement, promotes the overall well-being of its members and instills an attitude of service in college men of culture. The main motto of the organization is "achievement in every field of human endeavor" and this shows the pride the organization takes in promoting citizenship and strong leadership qualities in all of its members in an effort to help them better shape the world for tomorrow. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Leslie Adah, Brandon Ailes, Frank Baker, Kyris Brown, Renard Collins, Durran Dunn, Johnny Hansell, Steven Randle, Rodnick Scott, Rogdric Singleton, Jamaya Smith, Nicholas Trotter, Jerrell Tyler, Joshua Ward. *Photo by Bethany Kent*



few members of Kappa Alpha Psi cheer on the Golden Eagle football team to victory with the school mascot, Seymour. *Photo submitted by Kappa Alpha Psi*



Janya Smith and his fellow fraternity brothers perform in the NPHC Black Week Step Show. *Photo submitted by Kappa Alpha Psi*



Several Kappas gather around with a few friends from PACE to build a birdhouse together for a community service project. *Photo submitted by Kappa Alpha Psi*

KAPPA SIGMA

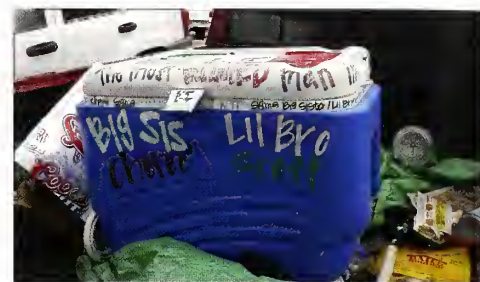


Photo by Chris Poyne

Kappa Sigma was founded as a national fraternity in 1869. The Epsilon Nu chapter at Southern Miss was chartered in 1949 and continues to be a powerful Greek organization with holistic principles geared toward making each of its members "the most wanted man in the country."

Like other fraternities and Greek organizations on campus Kappa Sigma has a major philanthropy called Magaritaville. This project is a series of events including a baseball game, volleyball tournament and a sorority dance competition to raise money for the Special Olympics.

In addition to philanthropy, the organization is committed to academic excellence and co-curricular study as well as developing

ethics and decision-making skills in their members. The general philosophy of the group is that as the fraternity grows, the individual members should grow as well. Brotherhood is important to the group and this is the means by which the organization acts to improve its constituent members.

The national Kappa Sigma mission statement reads, "The ideals we pursue determine who we are and what we will become."

It is this idea of ideals and a strong cohesive administration that reinforces service, academics and ethics and makes Kappa Sigma an organization striving to better their members from every perspective.

Story by Chris Mills



Members: Malcolm Alexander, Corey Ashmore, Porter Benefield, William Bourgeois, Christopher Brown, Adam Buckalew, Shawn Bunkheila, Russell Butts, Justin Cockrell, Michael Collins, Cory Day, Edward Douglas, James Evans, Michael Everman, Zachary Ferry, William Flynn, Harry Gonsoulin, Daniel Guy, Lee Hall, Jonathan Halley, Brian Hammons, Jonathan Hysom, Matthew Jackson, Whitney Johnson, Joshua Johnston, Mitchell Johnston, Jeremy Lewis, Raymond Mazor, Justin McGuffee, Hance McKenzie, Kevin Miller, William Miller, Dustin Murray, Bradley Myers, Jeffery O'Keefe, William Pittman, Christopher Ramage, Matthew Reece, Marion Rhodes, Benjamin Roark, Christopher Schraedor, John Shavers, Jason Sistrunk, Adam Skaggs, Zdenko Slobidnik, Ethan Smith, Blake Stuart, Daniel Tingstrom, Curtis Wand, Christopher Ward, Matthew Whiteside, Brandon Young, Carlos Arguello, Matthew Bill, Daniel Cado, Samuel Cavin, Zachary Delaney, Blase Gaudé, William Kennedy, Mason McIntyre, Jonathan McWhorter, Blake Riley, Adriel Rocha, Robert Schatzman, Justin Smith, Steven Sollie, Kery Strickland, Anthony Taylor, Justin Thames, Barry Welch.

Photo submitted by Kappa Sigma

Jonathan Halley and Dave Aurich spend homecoming day in The District before the big football game. Photo submitted by Kappa Sigma



Russ Butts, Daniel Guy and Shawn Bunkheila enjoy a night of "white" at their "White Date Party" at the Hi Hat in Hattiesburg. Photo submitted by Kappa Sigma



The Kappa Sigma coaches for Chi Omega shows off a few dance moves at Margaritaville, one of Kappa Sigma's philanthropy events. Margaritaville is named in honor of all the money Butts and his friends go toward the Special Olympics. Photo by Bethany Kent

OMEGA PSI PHI



Photo submitted by Omega Psi Phi

The Southern Miss chapter of Omega Psi Phi can be encapsulated in one word, "brotherhood." This Greek organization was founded nationally in 1911 and was chartered at Southern Miss in 1975. It is comprised of members that all believe in and strive for a special sense of unity within the fraternity.

"The value of our frat is not in numbers, but in men of real brotherhood," Brian Hudson, the Omega Psi Phi president, said.

The sense of unity in the group is seen in every aspect and especially in how the group copes with disaster. During Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath the group came together to make what could have been a

somber situation into a more pleasant one. Hudson said that the group grilled food together and congregated in apartments and other places people had gone to seek shelter from the coming storm.

Like any other Greek organization, philanthropy is another area of importance to Omega Psi Phi. Their many projects include Que-Delta, which is a week long series of events the group sponsors that includes everything from step shows to kid's carnivals. This event is held around March or April and primarily acts as a means of entertainment for the community. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Darell Coffey, Brian Hudson, Lehendric Turner, Eric Brundidge, Willie Davidson. *Photo by USM Photo Services*



Members show their Omega Psi Phi spirit while socializing with friends on campus. *Photo submitted by Omega Psi Phi*



The guys from Omega Psi Phi travel to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. *Photo submitted by Omega Psi Phi*



few members represent Omega Psi Phi before performing in a hop contest. *Photo submitted by Omega Psi Phi*

PHI BETA SIGMA



Photo submitted by Phi Beta Sigma

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity was nationally founded in 1914, and the Theta Eta chapter was chartered at Southern Miss in 1975. Phi Beta Sigma is a fraternity based on three main principles: brotherhood, scholarship and community service. These principles are acted on through the many local philanthropies the group is involved in, as well as the group's national initiatives.

The major philanthropies of the group support the homeless and benefit the Christian Services and include a fraternity sleep out and an annual "Penny Drop" event. The motto of the organization, "culture for service, service for humanity," truly captures what it means to be

a member of Phi Beta Sigma, and describes each member's ultimate goal, to do a great service for the university and the community. The group's major national initiative is called "Blue and White Week," and is a time when all Phi Beta Sigma members around the nation spend time living up to the principles of the fraternity through service.

Just as the rest of the Greek system at Southern Miss, Phi Beta Sigma strives to stand out as an academic stronghold fortified with the strength of service and commitment to the community.

Story by Chris Mills



Members: Brandon Dobson, Etan Funches, Jamaal Keyes, Percy Keyes, Semiko Moody, Brandon Nabors, Kawaski Owens, Joseph Rankin, Michael Richardson, Duane Sheard, Edrick Smith, Rashad Smith, Antwoine Smith, Jermaine Cato, Michael Smith Photo by USM Photo Services



The members of Phi Beta Sigma work it on stage at the Black Greek Week Stepshow and walked away stepshow champions. *Photo submitted by Phi Beta Sigma*



Michael Richardson stopped on his way to class to show some Phi Beta Sigma spirit. *Photo submitted by Phi Beta Sigma*



The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta sorority join Phi Beta Sigma in celebrating their first intramural basketball game victory. *Photo submitted by Phi Beta Sigma*

PHI KAPPA TAU



Photo submitted by Phi Kappa Tau

The Southern Miss Beta Epsilon chapter of Phi Kappa Tau was originally founded as Beta Kappa Tau in 1947. A merger led to the charter of Phi Kappa Tau on the Southern Miss campus in 1948. This Greek organization was founded to promote interfraternity philanthropy and strong alumni involvement.

Justin Harvison, the vice president of the fraternity, explained the main philosophy of the group in a simple statement, "success is never coasting." This mentality requires the members of Phi Kappa Tau to continuously strive for a higher level of success, and because of this, Phi Kappa Tau has the highest GPA on fraternity row this year. The group's rise in rank from sixth to first portrays their vigilance in attaining excellence.

Dylan Mezey, Phi Kappa Tau President, said, "We are pretty laid back. We don't really look to change people or stereotype ourselves."

The major difference between Phi Kappa Tau and other fraternities is the diverse mix of pledges they induct. Mezey explained that this fact is one of the most interesting features of the group. Phi Kappa Tau members have no specific look that gives them away.

In addition to promoting academic achievement the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity raises funds for the Paul Newman Hole in the Wall Gang, a camp for terminally ill children. The combination of substantial philanthropic activities such as this and a strong drive for constant improvement makes Phi Kappa Tau a group of students exhibiting extraordinary personality attributes in addition to academic excellence. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Marshall Baroni, Keven Benefield, Clinton Burdette, Wesley Cole, David Cubley, Caleb Davis, Michael Edgerton, Keith Grant, Benjamin Hager, Justin Harvison, Daniel Hinton, Donald Horne, Christopher King, Bradley Lewellyn, Franklin McCool, Dylan Mezey, Ryan Parson, Ronald Reiss, Jason Riette, Rafael Sanchez, Daniel Schroeder, Scott Stephens, Christopher Walker, Shaun Walker, Jason Wheat, Adam Ahmed, Michael Bierdeman, Matthew Buchanan, Corey Fitzgerald, Hank Holcomb, Justin Richards, Jason Tharp, Kristopher Zumbro. *Photo by Chris Payne*



Covered in mud from head to toe, Franklin McCool carries on a bid day tradition. Photo submitted by Phi Kappa Tau



Blake Lacey and Shaun Walker party the night away. Photo submitted by Phi Kappa Tau



Smith, Clint Burdette, Daniel Hinton, Caleb Davis, Seth Davis and Scott Stephens enjoy themselves at their fall date party at the Green Room. Photo submitted by Phi Kappa Tau

PI KAPPA ALPHA



Pike Stevie Ray expresses his energy on the microphone at the Phi Mu Toga Swap.
Photo submitted by Pi Kappa Alpha

The Delta Mu chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at The University of Southern Mississippi was chartered on Dec. 10, 1949, and since this time has been a driving philanthropic force on campus and in the community.

The Pikes, as they are called on campus, are the current interfraternity council intramural softball champions and are also the reigning Kappa Delta Shamrock Spirit Award recipients. These accomplishments illustrate the energy the group possesses and are complemented by the 8,000 community service hours the group logged in 2005 alone. These hours were primarily spent toward work the Pikes have done with Southern Pines Animal Shelter in an effort

to aid the Hattiesburg Humane Society. The Southern Miss Delta Mu chapter raised \$15,000 for this effort which has substantially helped the Hattiesburg community.

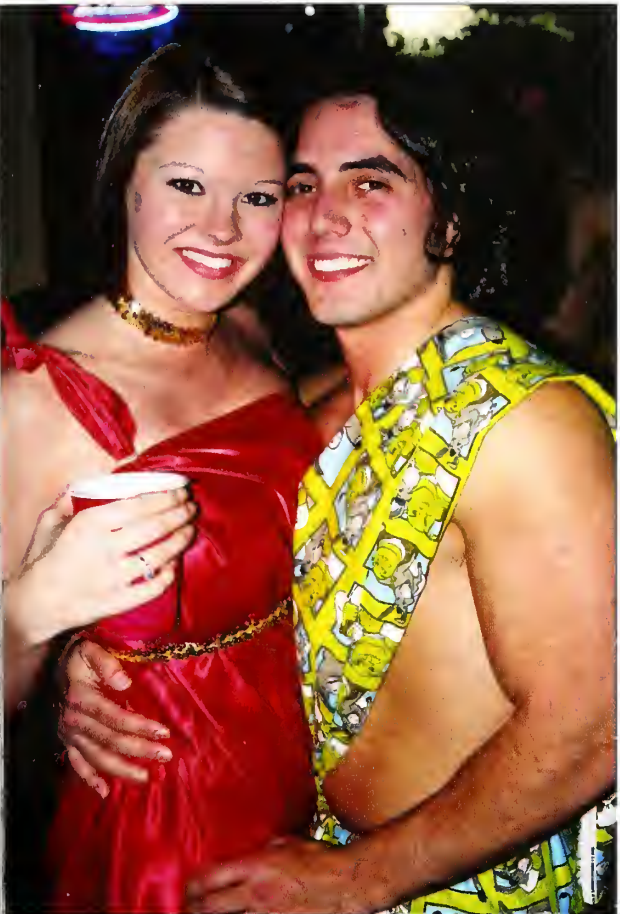
Matthew Marshall, Pi Kappa Alpha's president, said "This is an organization that encourages growth and fosters leadership, while providing young men with unforgettable moments."

The members of Pi Kappa Alpha serve to illustrate the service and connection to the community that fraternities historically condone through their incredible commitment to philanthropy and unquenchable spirit. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Steven Barhanovich, Steven Blaylock, Derek Breal, Tristan Brown, Shawn Dubose, Seth Gardner, Brandon Hill, David Magruder, Matthew Marshall, Darren McCaieb, Thomas McDonagh, Travis Mosley, Adam Reinhart, Dustin Renaud, Christopher Saks, Joel Simpson, James Smith, Lance Waldrop, Jeremy Walker, Oren Willis, Shane Wynn, Ryan Adams, Jonathan Bearden, Joshua Bigott, Nath Diaz, Stanton Fountain, Luke Gautier, Todd Gollott, Zackery Hillman, Andy Ivison, Allan Martel, Michael Martin, Fredrick Muccino, Andy Nall, Dylan Pair, Kris Saudier, Christopher Sentell.

Photo by Chris Payne



Leigh Holland Trotti and Phil DeFrances enjoy a night of dance and entertainment at the Phi Mu/Pike Toga Swap. *Photo submitted by Pi Kappa Alpha*



Robby Klauder hangs out at the fraternity house with his brothers. *Photo submitted by Pi Kappa Alpha*



members of Pike fraternity perform at Chi Omega's Songfest with Andy Nall as Mrs. Clause and Thomas McDonagh as Santa. *Photo by Chris Payne*

PI KAPPA PHI



Photo submitted by Pi Kappa Phi

Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was chartered at Southern Miss in 1999, and since then the Southern Miss Theta Alpha chapter has acted to become both involved on campus and in the community as well as in their national philanthropy, PUSH America.

Established in 1977, PUSH America made Pi Kappa Phi the first fraternity to have its own philanthropy. PUSH America mainly focuses on awareness, volunteerism and funding to benefit handicapped people nationally. The Theta Alpha chapter also acts to aid handicapped people in their area through special fund raising activities and other means. In addition to their work for the handicapped, Pi Kappa Phi logs hundreds of hours of community service on campus and was awarded the prestigious Frank Cain Memorial Service Award in 2004 for their incredible service to the school and community.

In addition to a commitment to philanthropy, the organization is the campus leader in involvement and has members in the SGA, IFC and other influential organizations. Members of the fraternity have brought monumental changes to the campus such as The Varsity concept, Fall Break and Eaglepalooza. These changes illustrate the involvement and influence Pi Kappa Phi has on campus and convey their importance to modern student life at Southern Miss.

As illustrated by their history and public relations, Pi Kappa Phi is an organization that derives its much deserved prestige from hard work done in the field of philanthropy as well as campus and community involvement. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Eric Anderson, Joshua Ashley, Marcus Baker, Jesse Battle, Brandon Belote, Eric Bierdeman, Matthew Binion, Benjamin Bryan, Bradley Charlesworth, Alan Cripps, Drew Etheridge, Vincent Fabra, Luke Fowler, Brittain Heindl, Ben Hester, Scott Hillanbrand, Reed Hotard, Johnny Kochitzky, Robert Ledbetter, David Lupo, Jamie McKercher, David Meigs, Linsey Mingo, Christophe Moree, Jason Neel, Daniel Orr, Jeffery Pass, Tyler Patterson, Gregory Puckett, Robert Reeder, Ryan Reid, Leslie Rush, Matthew Tunstall, Eduardo Villarreal, Jason Weiss, Lee Williams, Matthew Yeatman, Blake Barnes, Jeremy Carothers, Stefan Clayton, Michael Cothran, Alexander Davis, Kris Dew, Jace Flatt, Richard Franks, Kyle Geoghegan, Stuart Guy, Brennen Hancock, Traci Henderson, Eric Huckabee, Jake Meek, David Morris, Kevin Nezat, Cory Phillips, Zach Popovich, Paul Saputo, Geoffrey Tibbs, Michael Turner, Sam Zeanah. *Photo by Chris Payne*



With croquet being played in the front yard, the members of Pi Kappa Phi put on their first ever "Yacht Club Party." The "Yacht Club Party" was a big hit and there will be many more for years to come. Photo submitted by Pi Kappa Phi



Dew, Stuart Guy, Kevin Nezat, Blake Barnes, Josh Ashley and Michael Khan get excited as they ride the bus to their superhero swap with Delta Gamma sorority. Photo submitted by Pi Kappa Phi



Cheering on the Southern Miss basketball team, members of Pi Kappa Phi hold up dot posters behind the goal to distract the other team. Photo by Bethany Kent

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON



Photo submitted by Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Alpha Epsilon was established nationally in 1856 and by 1965 had been chartered on the campus of Southern Miss as the Mississippi Sigma chapter. The chapter, as well as its affiliates around the nation, are perfect examples of the dedication to service and excellence on which the Greek system of Southern Miss is founded.

The on-campus philanthropy of the group is divided into one project per semester in addition to other service commitments they have such as national initiatives. In the fall, the organization teams up with Hattiesburg Parks and Recreational Department for their annual ZooBoo event. This event is held as a safe alternative to trick-or-treating and always includes numerous events geared toward younger children. The spring philanthropy for the group is an annual football game in which Sigma Alpha Epsilon auctions off, to other fraternities, the chance to play them in football. The proceeds go to the Hattiesburg Civitan Camp for the mentally handicapped.

In addition to these two major projects, the group is also involved in national initiatives such as the True Gentlemen's National Day of Service on which the Mississippi Sigma chapter cleans the highways they adopted.

"The most important thing in life is to live your life for something more important than your life," Josh Sutton, SAE president, said.

This quote sums up the dedication the group has to service and how each event is considered one more step toward a brighter future. The differences that have been made on campus, in the Hattiesburg area and in the lives of many because of Sigma Alpha Epsilon are clear stand as a testament to their prestigious standing in the Greek system at Southern Miss. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Kelly Adams, Nelson Adcock, Richard Arceneaux, Benjamin Berry, Brian Bledsoe, Steven Brown, Javier Calderon, Cliff Clary, Steven Colston, Nicholas Cook, John Crisler, William Crisler, William Cullinane, Matt Donahue, Michael Dorris, John Dwyer, Michael Godfrey, Kevin Jenkins, Felipe Kerschbaum, Matthew LaGraize, Christopher Lyman, Zach New, Marcus Oster, Derrick Powell, Jeb Seal, Thomas Sims, Stephen Snell, Josh Sutton, Brad Swann, Luke Turner, Nicholas Turner, Robert Viehweg, Edward Winter, Charles Zuccaro, Brandon Abney, Joshua Adams, David Allen, Kyle Baker, Charles Banks, Alex Geriner, David Hawkins, Ronald Horne, Ryan Jantzen, Tyler Ladd, Jacob Layton, Clinton Mathison, William Mutziger, Dylan Sims, Austin Somers, Brandon Web, Joseph Welsey. *Photo by Chris Payne*



Fraternity brothers Brad Swann and Paul Simm, enjoy another night at the frat house. Photo submitted by Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Dressed in cocktail attire, members of SAE enjoy a night of dance and entertainment at the SAE/Tri Delta Champagne Reception Swap. Photo submitted by Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Members and friends of Sigma Alpha Epsilon take a canoe trip together and make memories that will last a lifetime. Photo submitted by Sigma Alpha Epsilon

SIGMA CHI



Photo by Bethany Kent

The Sigma Chi fraternity was founded nationally in 1855 and the Southern Miss Theta Delta chapter was chartered in 1981. The chapter has become involved in a number of service projects in addition to its national initiative, Derby Days, which benefits the Children's Miracle Network.

The Derek Nix foundation is the group's major on campus philanthropy, but their service does not stop at the local level. Derby Days, the organization's national initiative is geared toward providing funding for the Children's Miracle Network through a series of events including a sorority chorus line, a clothing drive and a canned food drive. In addition to this initiative, Sigma Chi chose Huntsman Cancer Institute in Pennsylvania as a major beneficiary at their 150th year celebration in 2005.

As with other Greek organizations, the fraternity also focuses on the holistic development of its members. They strive to help these members achieve their degree, become effective leaders and contribute to their community both during their time as undergraduates and beyond.

A famous Sigma Chi is quoted as saying that fraternity is "an obligation, a necessity, an introduction, a requirement, a passport, a lesson, an influence, an opportunity, an investment, a peacemaker and a pleasure."

This multi-perspective definition of fraternity has been a cornerstone of the Sigma Chi organization since and has become the model by which the group supports its members and develops them as strong leaders on campus and in their communities.

Story by Chris Mills



Members: Brent Burge, Wesley Dickens, William Ford, Jeffery Gaines, Ryan Hall, Jeffrey Harbison, Jeremy Hard, Seth Hester, Brock Howell, Ramon Jackson, Robert Jett, Samuel Krhut, Shea Mag Alexander Martin, Ronald McDonough, Michael Mitchell, Michael Moen, Jacob Morgan, Stephen Nelson, John Nicholas, Mark Ohman, Adam Pace, John Pitre, William Porter, Phillip Ready, Brett Richard Robertson, Charles Serpente, Dustin Snider, Joshua Snider, Joseph Songy, Charles Tedford, Tommy Vanderford, Britton Walker, Michael Wood, Brian Anderson, James Blackledge, Joshua Carw Brad Dale, Justin Dwyer, Jon Grace, Charles Jackson, Matthew Kenney, Kyle Koblas, Justin Loftus, Thomas Maestri, Chad McCubbin, Robert McDonough, Tyson Meador, Andrew Meininger, Nicholas Reiber, Chase Sekul, Heath Smith, James Snell, Brandon Warren, Jim Wood, Andrew Wright. Photo by Chris Payne



Paul Cook and Hunter Dymis hang out after a meeting in Bennett Auditorium.
Photo submitted by Sigma Chi



After stirring chili for hours at Sigma Phi Epsilon's Chili Cook off, Sigma Chi took away the third place trophy for having one of the best bowls of chili.
Photo submitted by Sigma Chi



Along with the clean-up effort, the men of Sigma Chi put their construction skills to work on the coast after Hurricane Katrina. *Photo submitted by Sigma Chi*

SIGMA PHI EPSILON



Photo by Bethany Ken

Sigma Phi Epsilon has been a fraternity and a driving force in national philanthropy since its inception in 1901, and the Southern Miss Mississippi Gamma chapter has been continuing that traditional commitment to philanthropic activity in the community since their local charter in 1953.

This year, Sigma Phi Epsilon supported two main local philanthropies by hosting a Valentine's Day Date Auction that benefited the American Heart Association and a Chili Cook-off which benefited the American Red Cross: Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. In addition to these local philanthropies, the group also started a national initiative in 2004 to raise funds for the Youth AIDS program, and to-date Mississippi Gamma has raised over \$40,000.

Dave Thomas, one famous alumnus of the organization is accredited with saying, "if there are things you don't like in the world you grew up in, make your own life different."

This is the mentality of Sigma Phi Epsilon in a nutshell: to become leaders in the global community and make a positive difference that will benefit the world and future generations. Sigma Phi Epsilon is another Greek organization committed to excellence and expects each of its members to take an active role in shaping the future of both the community and the world at large. *Story by Chris Mills*



Members: Jason Brown, Ryan Caillouet, Charles Childress, Andrew Cotter, Adam Garin, Chad Harrison, Jeremy Himmel, Daniel Hobgood, George Imbraguglio, Tevor Jones, Brain Lowe, Bryan Ragland, Zachary Sims, Robert Terese, Richard Wakefield, Justin Whiddon, Thomas White, James Wilhelm, Adam Alfonso, Clint Favre, Kyle Gibbe, Colin Harrison, John Kleamenakis, Joshua Mason, Christopher Roberts, Jared Rudiger, Anthony Thornton. *Photo submitted by Sigma Phi Epsilon*



The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon sponsor their first annual Chili Cook-off. All of the proceeds go toward Habitat for Humanity. *Photo by Bethony Kent*



My Himmel enjoys a bite of Tri Delta's award-winning chili at the Sig Ep Chili Cook-off. *Photo by Bethony Kent*



Ryan Caillouet, Richard Wakefield and Dan Myers take a break from the mud on field day to socialize. *Photo submitted by Sigma Phi Epsilon*



Cleaning up after a night of partying, Taylor Guidry, Jeremiah Malmberg and Ronnie Hebert hang out together in Jeremiah's room at the Alpha Tau Omega house. Fraternity houses, including ATO, house many fraternity brothers and enable them to become closer as a fraternity. *All Photos by Jennifer Petcher*

Despite the damage caused to their chapter room by Hurricane Katrina, members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority are now able to sit around in their repaired chapter room to work on homework and enjoy the company of their sisters. Each sorority has their own chapter room where they can meet and do different activities together.



LIVING THE GREEK LIFE

greeksoncampus

Imagine living only steps away from 50 or 60 of your best friends. After joining a sorority or a fraternity, one of the biggest perks is that students are given the opportunity to live with the organization they have affiliated themselves with. Instead of living in the average dormitory or apartment complex where a student may never get to meet his or her next-door neighbor, Greeks are able to reside in a house or on a floor of a dorm set aside for their sorority or fraternity. Not only does this experience enhance friendships between members, but it also builds pride in the individual links that make up the Greek community at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Of the 15 chartered fraternities at the university, 11 have houses that are located in an area at the back of campus. Most of them line the street known as Fraternity Row, the site of events such as weekly parties and philanthropy events such as Alpha Tau Omega's annual Haunted House and Sigma Alpha Epsilon's Chili-Cooking Contest. Each house is set up differently, with some having the luxury of a pool in the backyard while others have sand-volleyball courts for entertainment.

"When living in a typical dorm, there is a chance that you might not get along with your roommate or your neighbors. George Napier, sophomore member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, said. "Living in a fraternity house gives you the benefit of already knowing the people you live with, and since you chose the same fraternity, you probably get along pretty well."

Sororities also have designated housing set aside specifically for them. Of the 12 sororities at Southern Miss, eight currently have residence to accommodate them. Presently, members of all eight

sororities are housed in Wilbur Hall, also known as Panhellenic. This eight-story dorm is located next to the freshman quad, and each level belongs to a different sorority. With the competitiveness between Greek organizations, it may seem at first that housing all of the sororities in the same building could bring about problems. The opinion of most girls is that living in Panhellenic actually allows the members of different sororities to meet each other and make friends from other chapters. It is easy to spot Panhellenic from both the freshman quad and Highway 49. Each chapter has prominently displayed letters mounted to their balcony as a symbol of pride in their organization.

The newest development in Greek housing is the up and coming community for sororities called "The Village." The plans have been drawn up for the 10-acre building site, and construction will be taking place soon. Each house will contain 30 beds, with two beds and a private bath per room. Amenities such as a microwave and a refrigerator, desks and a double-sided walk in closet are also included in each room. There will be a central building that contains laundry facilities, meeting rooms, vending machines and a kitchen that will function daily to provide the girls with breakfast, lunch and dinner. With these new plans in place, Southern Miss is looking to take Greek residential living to a whole new level. *Story by Lauren McDougald*



Jessica Prude, a junior fashion merchandising major and president of her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, enjoys browsing through a scrapbook of her sisters. AKA is one of eight different sororities that live in Wilbur Hall, also known as Panhellenic. Each sorority is able to decorate their floor anyway they want, often using the colors of their sorority.

For the first full-year session at the Mississippi Normal College the student enrollment was 876, this is less than 6% of the approximated enrollment for the 2005 session at Southern Miss. These simple figures show the massive growth that the student body has undergone. However, this is only part of the story of the evolution of the student body since 1912. Not only has the size of the student body grown, the diversity of the student body is the one aspect that has arguably changed the greatest. Since the beginnings of the school, its transformation into Mississippi Southern College in 1940 added an academic diversity to the student body that was previously unrivaled. Students interested in non-teaching occupations were able to obtain a degree at Southern Miss, and this increased not only diversity, but also added to enrollment especially after the war.



PEOPLE

In addition to these substantial changes, Southern Miss has become the home for an ethnically diverse student body, a great advance from its start as an all-white teachers college. Through the Civil Rights movements and the sacrifices of various key figures such as Clyde Kennard, the university integrated in 1965, and this brought a new dimension to the student body and to student life. Although this was a difficult transition, the change came not a moment too soon. It provides a bittersweet example of the repeal of past prejudices and vices that threatened to limit the possibilities of not only groups of students but the entire institution.

Story by Chris Mills



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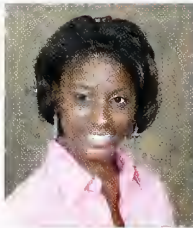
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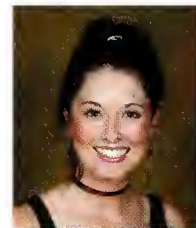
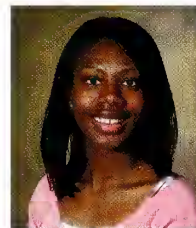
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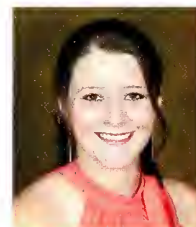
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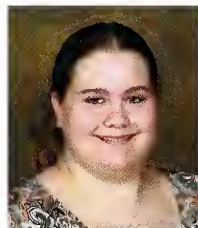
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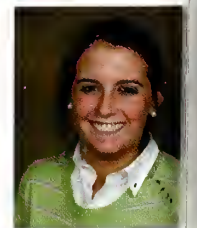
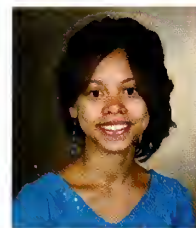
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Gemma Booth and Delyth Murphy are both exchange students from Wales and members of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.
Photo by Elizabeth Keenan

EXCHANGE STUDENTS FLOURISH

new culture makes lasting impression

Gemma Booth and Delyth Murphy, two study abroad students at the university this year from Wales, are not only exceptional students at home but have overcome cultural boundaries to become exceptional students here at Southern Miss. Booth, studying politics, and Murphy, studying law, are both involved in the University of Wales, Swansea's American Studies program and have taken their studies to a completely different level by immersing themselves in the American culture.

"It's a totally different culture," Booth said.

Murphy said, "Here you have to have a car to get around the town, and in Wales you can just walk everywhere, this is a major difference between the two places."

In addition to these differences, Booth said that the classes were organized differently and that there is a lot more writing here than back home.

In physical comparison Murphy said "There are more buildings here, the school is bigger, but the population of the two schools is probably about the same."

Despite these cultural and structural differences, the girls have become involved in university Greek life, both pledging Kappa Alpha Theta.

"There are no fraternities or sororities in Wales," Murphy said.

Booth said, "The sorority situation has been good for us though because we have been able to socialize and be part of a group,"

Murphy and Booth both said the sorority, and being in a larger group, has helped them adapt to being in America.

"This entire experience has definitely made us more independent; things are different when you are on your own," Murphy said.

Booth said, "One thing this program has done for me is made me more able to ask for help, before I would have been very hesitant."

Booth also said that the experience has made her more organized, boosted her confidence and required her to grow up quite quickly. This was definitely the case during the girls' most memorable event in their time in America, Hurricane Katrina.

"We don't experience anything like that at home; the closest thing would be rain," Booth said, "Then a week after we got here the hurricane hit."

Murphy and Booth both said that the study abroad program has helped them attain a well-rounded education.

"It is definitely a positive experience to be involved in a program like this, I would recommend this to anyone, including any Americans who wish to study in Britain," Murphy said. "A lot of people think Britain and America are very similar but this isn't really true."

The two girls are set to return to Southern Miss in the spring for one final semester before returning to Swansea for their senior year of undergraduate study. The holidays away from home and the large distance between them and their families are surely large prices to pay for education but both girls agree that the experience has been worth it. *Story by Chris Mills.*

PERFORMING SYMPHONY

award winners perform in concert

On Jan. 31, 2006, the Symphony Orchestra featured three William T. Gower Awards Competition winners: William Farmer, Denissa Rivas de Mundaia and Marcus Ballard. The competition is extremely tough and featured more than 40 school of music students all vying for the top spot.

William Farmer is currently working toward a degree in horn performance and has performed in competitions throughout the United States. He has previously won first place at the International Women's Brass Conference in 2003, and plays regularly with the Gulf Coast Symphony and Meridian Symphony.

Denissa Rivas de Mungaia has studied music in Honduras and Great Britain, and she obtained a flute performance diploma from the London College of Music.

Marcus Ballard is currently completing his doctorate of musical arts. He received his bachelor of music from Henderson State University and a master of music from Southern Miss.

Story by Jessica Shackleford.



William Farmer, Denissa Rivas de Mungaia, and Marcus Ballard are all extremely talented musicians. Photo from Southern Miss Public Relations

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DUBARD SCHOOL ART

mosaic artist visits children

The Dubard School for Language Disorders was established in 1962, and it has become well known for its work in aiding children with severe language, speech and hearing disorders. The Dubard School not only strives to help those children in need, but it also helps the families of those children as well. It does this by providing counseling sessions for the family members of these children to help provide guidance on how to raise these children through a very difficult time in their young lives.

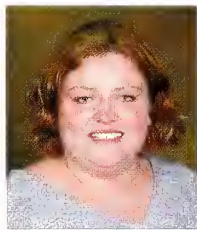
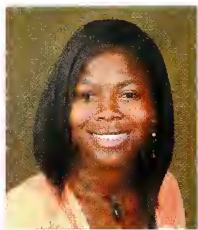
The Dubard School also adds a special bonus for the children by having many kinds of programs and activities scheduled throughout the year. One of their more recent programs involved a visit from Jerry Hymel. Jerry Hymel is a Mississippi mosaic artist who works with stained glass, and he spent the day teaching the young students and their teachers how to make trivets from stained glass and mardigras beads.

The Dubard School is a really amazing program and gives these children the benefit of a fun education that they couldn't get anywhere else. This program has become well established on the Southern Miss campus and will hold a special place in the hearts of its students forever. *Story by Jessica Shackleford.*

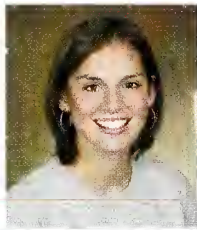
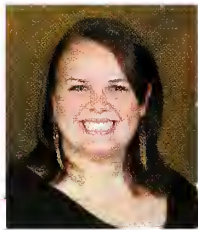


Jerry Hymel helps James Williford create a work of art.
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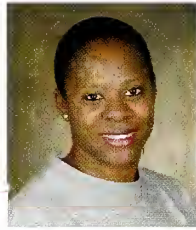
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WRITER PUBLISHES BOOK

early writing success

"Published" is an adjective very rarely used to describe a college freshman. Bradley Warshauer is the exception to the norm. A freshman originally from New Orleans, La., Warshauer has lived in Picayune, Miss. since 1997. Along with being enrolled in The University of Southern Mississippi's Honors College, Warshauer showcases his talents in a number of venues. His love of both writing and football, and his outstanding ability in both arenas sets him apart from the bulk of his class.

At age 15, Warshauer began writing "11th Hour", a novel that was published two years later. The drive and resilience such a feat requires at such a young age is what makes Bradley Warshauer an outstanding member of the Southern Miss community.



Freshman Bradley Warshauer flips through an issue of *Teen People* that he was featured in.
Photo by Rossie Ahua



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Featured in a 2004 issue of *"Teen People"* wearing a blue t-shirt thoughtfully adorned with the word "Imagination," Warshauer is a prime example of exceptional youth.

"Publishing, for me, was really easy because I started writing for when I was nine," Warshauer said.

This long-term writing experience came to a head when his father, a worker for a national bus company, chauffeured a group of editors to a romance novelist convention in New Orleans. Warshauer's father networked with the editors and retained a business card he received while on the trip.

"I e-mailed the editor with my story idea and she liked it. She asked me to submit a couple chapters and she liked it even more," Warshauer said. "After this, things just fell into place."

This encounter between Warshauer and the editor allowed him to publish his book and enabled him to experience situations rarely experienced by people his age. Regional book signings and speaking engagements for younger kids allowed Warshauer to be involved in proceedings in which he hopes to engage many more times in the future. For Warshauer, it was a success, and a perfect way to share his story. To publish felt like a dream, something unreal to Warshauer,

who clearly has aspirations to be a successful writer. The publication of *"11th Hour"* was a goal for Warshauer that was met through perseverance and hard work. He is a living example of the benefits of setting goals and working diligently to achieve them.

Warshauer said that the major benefit of the publication to his college experience is that "It was easy to start talking about scholarships; it was a big attribute to my transcript and resume."

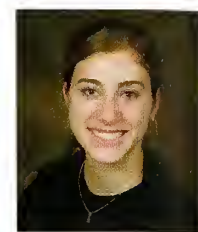
However beneficial the publication was though, Warshauer was unwilling to gloat in this victory and has finished a new novel entitled *"The Oracle Project."*

"It's old news to me now; it's something good to talk to friends about; they think it's pretty cool," Warshauer said.

The love Bradley Warshauer has for writing is very apparent in his work, and in his life. He has begun many side projects since finishing his second novel and works on these in his spare time while waiting for another publisher to pick up *"The Oracle Project."* The dedication Warshauer has for his writing is one attribute many can benefit from by emulating in their own lives. With hard work and the will to succeed, as Warshauer's story suggests, any eagle can learn how to soar.

Story by Chris Mills.

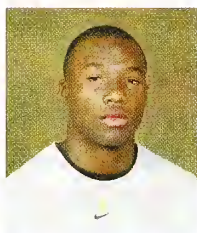
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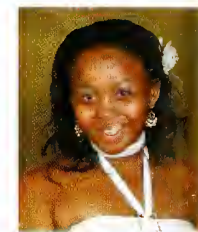
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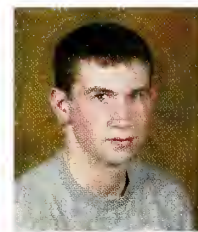
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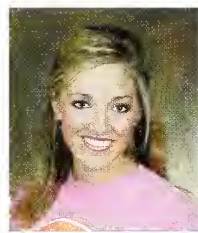
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EAGLE FEVER

looking back on the college years

"Eagle Fever" is an old slogan, but one which perfectly fits Stephen Ryan's enthusiasm for Southern Miss. Ryan is a senior political science and history double major from Hattiesburg.

"The black and gold embodies the spirit of those who try to make our noble institution a better place," Ryan said.

He loves his university and its shows. Throughout Ryan's five years here, he has been very involved in campus life. He was a member of the Freshmen Associates, UAC, Leadership Series Committee, Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, Leadership Scholarship Interview Team, Lambda Sigma Sophomore Honor Society and Eagle Connection. He also participated in the first Womanless Beauty Pageant and won the title of Miss Varsity.

Ryan has also held several leadership positions including senator for the College of Liberal Arts, philanthropy chair for Alpha Tau Omega, executive assistant to SGA, vice-president for recruitment and retention of IFC, Lambda Sigma executive board and executive director of The Varsity.

When Ryan is not writing papers or in a meeting, he is in the stands cheering at a Southern Miss sporting event. Since this is his favorite hobby, Ryan has naturally found his niche as a member of the Game Day Atmosphere Committee and was a co-founder of the Student Athletic Boosters.



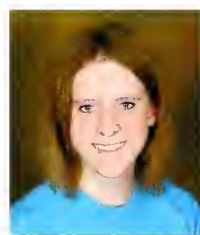
Stephen Ryan is a senior Political Science and History major who grew up in Hattiesburg, Miss. Photo by Bort Lombright

"Whether displayed at athletic events, by local businesses, or the alumni spread across the country, the black and gold is the first sign of those who support our university," Ryan said.

Ryan is looking forward to graduating. However, he is saddened about leaving. In his time at Southern Miss Ryan recognizes two moments he will deeply treasure. A candlelight vigil held a couple days after Sept. 11, 2001 is an event he will not forget. He said it showed solidarity among students, faculty, staff and members of the community. The 2003 Golden Eagles 40-28 win over TCU is his other favorite moment. He said the image of students rushing on the field to tear down the goal post after the game would stay with him for many years.

"I'll miss the students who line the front row of M.M. Roberts, Corky's NCAA bids, and Eustachy yelling at the referees. Most of all, I'll miss not being here [Southern Miss] everyday with my friends and family," Ryan said.

In the future, he said he wants to attend a law school to become a lawyer. After paying off his college debt, he would like to work for a collegiate athletic conference. Story by Justin Smith.



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COMMITMENT AND RESOLVE



Jenny Carroll reads through one of her class books.
Photo by Bart Lambert

Most college students work for the life that Jenny Carroll lived. An independent 31-year-old medical technologist, Miss Jenny--as she likes to be called--had achieved a degree in biology, and worked "in a wonderful lab." On June 24, 1993, however, tragedy struck.

"I was fairly young, with a career, not just a job, a career...and it all came crashing down in one day," she said.

Carroll was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) a disease that deteriorates the nerves in the spinal cord and brain.

"It was a huge adjustment. I was very very ill, couldn't walk for 18 months and could barely talk in a complete sentence. So, it took a lot of recovery," Carroll said.

She decided to take a class here and there, and as she began to recover, she made the decision to return to school and dually enroll to achieve both an undergraduate and graduate degree at the same time. Starting in the spring of 2003, Carroll began her undergraduate studies in forensic science and her graduate courses in administration of justice.

"I'm doing dual enrollment, because they don't have a rule, the university doesn't have a rule, people just don't do it," Carroll said.

She describes her experience as time consuming with a lot of late night studying.

"Personally, I don't know how I've managed to stay afloat," she said.

But this 41-year-old has managed to sail through The University of Southern Mississippi boasting such achievements as a two time President's List winner, a three time Honor Roll awardee and just recently, a Chancellor's List scholar. In addition to her academic achievements, Carroll is best known to younger students on campus

as the eighth year in running Zeta Phi Beta advisor. She has also served as the National Panhellenic Council (NPHC) advisor for the university, often the primary speaker during NPHC recruitment.

As a successful woman, she smirked when she stated her motto a "Always place yourself in a position not to be told no."

"Most people, they don't quite get it. But, if you are prepared and you have accomplished things to the best of your ability, chances are the person that is viewing that piece of paper right in front of them and that is the thing they see first, even before they see you--then they decide yes or no," she said.

Carroll used her motto to the fullest throughout her struggle before entering school again to petition the Institution of Higher Learning to allow her to dual enroll. With her experience and strong will at hand, she succeeded in beginning this journey and will graduate in May of 2006 with three degrees under her belt, taking three years to complete both an undergraduate and graduate degree in two highly competitive fields.

"Obstacles are just that," she said. "The object of the game is to find a way over, around and under whatever obstacles are in your way. So, you have to sit down and assess the situation, and go from there. Don't just allow it to come to a stand still. Any obstacle can be broken down, regardless of what it is, you just kind of have to work your way through it."

Carroll is truly a new legacy of sorts, for all students, through her example of courage and steadfastness. A woman of true character, high academia and a bright light to lead all, she gives a last reminder to the younger, perhaps more disillusioned student body: "USM is a great place to be, it really is." Story by Samantha Nix.

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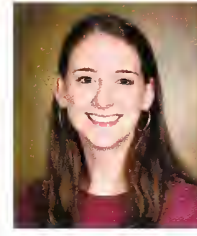
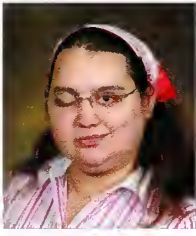
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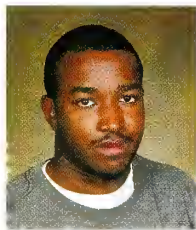


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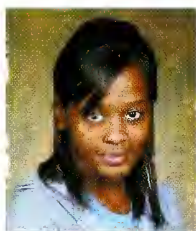
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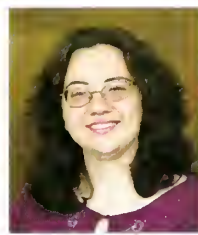


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MUSICAL SUCCESS

just playing for fun

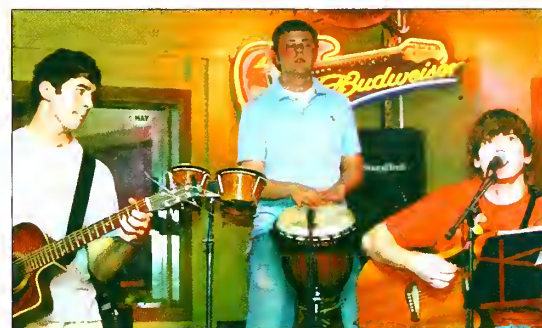
Whether as a hobby, a job or as a major, music plays a large role in the lives of many students at The University of Southern Mississippi. Adam, Mitch and Brad, a local band at Southern Miss, is one example of how the influence of music is relevant on campus. Their talent sets them apart from the rest and is evidenced by the band's local success at Mugshots, a popular bar and grill near campus.

Bradley Myers, Mitch Johnson and Adam Skaggs, the three members of the band are all members of Kappa Sigma, and they started playing together at fraternity parties. Adam and Mitch, who shared a common interest in the 1990's grunge rock band Pearl Jam, decided first to play in a band together based on this common interest. Bradley joined the group after their formation and soon after his arrival a weekly spot opened up at Mugshots on Wednesday nights. The most interesting aspect of the group is their lack of formal practices.

"Many times the first performance of a song is in front of a crowd at either a party or Mugshots," Johnson said.

Both Skaggs and Myers agreed that Johnson is the major musical force behind the band and that his ability to entertain a crowd is a cornerstone of the group's local popularity.

"I have been playing and singing for about four years, so I am comfortable, and I really do like to entertain people; however, I am just as entertained when I play alone. My ability to perform is not due to a feeling that I have to entertain people," Johnson said.



Adam plays guitar, Brad plays the bongos and Mitch plays the guitar and sings in the band Adam, Mitch, and Brad.

Photo by Chris Payne

Johnson added that the band plays what is fun to play and does not really have a set play list.

"We play songs that people know, but they don't know they know," Johnson said.

The members of the group said they do not have plans to continue performing after their graduation this May, but did say that the experience has been very positive and has really given them an outlet on campus as well as off campus.

Myers said, "We get to get up there and have a good time in a place where all of our friends come to hang out. We primarily play for fun, and a lot of the money that we do earn from playing goes back into the next shows through buying equipment and other stuff."

Skaggs said, "Just to have your name on a billboard, and to have people recognize your name and want to come out and see you perform is an incredible experience in itself."

The band is currently scheduled to play at a party or event for almost every Greek organization, and their mixture of various genres of music are in high demand for other events both on and off campus. Although the group plans to disband after graduation, the group has capitalized on their local popularity by using it to perform at various parties and social events, and just have fun. This is definitely an experience that Adam, Mitch and Bradley will remember well after their education is completed and they have gone their separate ways.

Story by Chris Mills.

STAYING ACTIVE

making an impact

When looking for a representative of strength, determination and good will, look no further than Chad King. Chad King, of Petal, Miss., is an example of someone who truly believes that being involved in the lives of others is essential to one's own life.

Not only does King's grade point average prove his commitment to his studies in speech communication, but it also shows that a person can be active in numerous organizations while maintaining quality grades. King has been very involved in many clubs and organizations since high school. Upon his arrival at The University of Southern Mississippi, his first choice school, King became more than just another face in the crowd or just another student identification number. He has served in Freshman Associates, The Legacy, Southern Style, Student Government Association and Campus Crusade for Christ, to name a few of his endeavors.

During his time here, he has also shown leadership skills while first serving as vice-president of risk management on the Interfraternity Council and later being elected as IFC president. As the president of



Chad King is a senior Speech Communications major from Petal, MS.
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the IFC, King feels that the fraternities on campus are going in a good direction, but attributes most of that to his executive board. King has also shown school spirit by leading at Golden Eagle Welcome Week and later acting as executive director.

"College is more than going to class. We are here to get an education and better ourselves," King said.

Not only does King feel strongly about campus involvement, but he also feels community service is equally important. As a member of Alpha Tau Omega, he has been active with Habitat for Humanity. King first became interested in Habitat for Humanity when he was in high school, and through his fraternity, he has been involved in raising a substantial amount of money to aid in placing needy families in homes.

By first raising the money and then helping in the actual process of building the homes, King feels that Habitat for Humanity has been the most rewarding community service experience. He has also been active in Relay for Life, Mississippi Diabetes Foundation, and the Humane Society.

"Involvement enriches your college experience and fulfills it," King said after he suggested that every student get involved with one or two organizations. After graduation, King plans to intern at the state capital where he will be surrounded by people who share his love for government. Once his internship is completed, King hopes to find a job in communications or public relations.

"I'm a completely different person from when I started," King said. "I have found core values and received an education."

King has given back to the university in more ways than one. He will not only be walking away from Southern Miss with a degree, but will also leave the university a better place than it was when he arrived.

"Southern has given more to me than I can ever give to it now or in the future," King said. "I would love to come back and work for my alma mater."

From leading at Friday Night at the Fountain to serving as a member in Order of Omega, Chad King has definitely made an impact on the history of Southern Miss. *Story by Tonya Jenkins.*



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PUBLISHED PROFESSORS

The University of Southern Mississippi has had the distinguished honor of having seven professors publish books within the past year.

Dr. William Kuskin, chair of the English Department, has two books due out with Notre Dame University Press: *"Caxton's Trace: Studies in the History of English Printing"* and *"Symbolic Caxton: Literary Culture and Print Capitalism, Medieval to Early Modern."*

Dr. Jameela Lares, an English professor, is a contributing editor to *"Vaporiun Commentary on the Poems of John Milton."*

Dr. Phillip C. Kolin, an English professor, published *"Understanding Adrienne Kennedy,"* and is currently working on *"Contemporary African American Women Playwrights."*

Dr. Maureen Ryan, the current Moorman professor, is currently planning on publishing *"The Other Side of Grief: The Home Front and the Aftermath in American Narratives of the Vietnam War"* in 2007.

Dr. Michael Mayes, English professor, is also having *"His Nation States: The Cultures of Irish Nationalism"* published next year. Story by Jessica Shackleford.



Dr. Maureen Ryan



Dr. Phillip C. Kolin



Dr. Jameela Lares



Dr. William Kuskin

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KATRINA PROJECT BEGINS

center plans testimonial history

The University of Southern Mississippi's Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage has begun to make a living memory of those impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

The "Hurricane Katrina Project" has enlisted the help of many scholars trained in oral history to gain more than 1,000 interviews from people whose lives were affected by the hurricane. They are collecting interviews from everyone including emergency officers, local officials, residents of destroyed towns, relief workers and refugees.

Dr. Curtis Austin, a Southern Miss history professor, said, "Our ongoing efforts to document the lives of those who survived Hurricane Katrina are an integral part of a nationwide attempt to create a permanent record of what is being called the worst natural disaster in 20th century America."

He and Dr. Stephen Sloan serve as co-directors of the center. They both believe that these records will provide a history for the region to look back on and serve as a personal testimony for those who survived. *Story by Jessica Shackleford.*



Marie O'Connel, sound archivist for the Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, preserves audio from the Civil Rights Era in Mississippi. *Photo by Jennifer Petcher*



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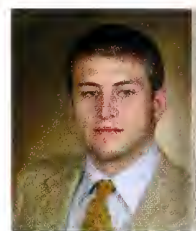
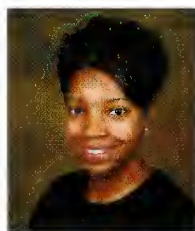
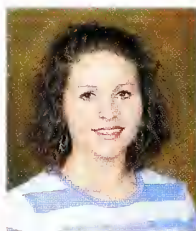


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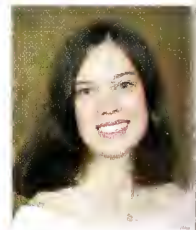
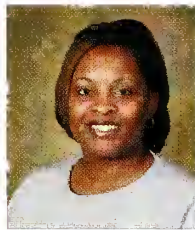
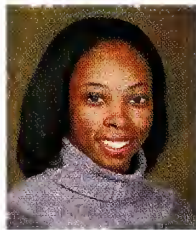
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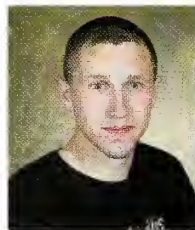
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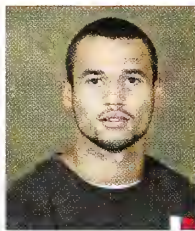
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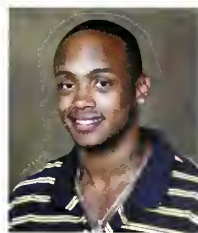


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STUDYING RIGHTS

human rights center arrives on campus

The Human Rights Center, a relatively new program at The University of Southern Mississippi, is a one-of-a-kind program. The purpose of the program is to raise awareness of human rights issues and allow students the chance to take part in human rights activism.

"It started as a conversation I had with some students," Dr. Bob Press, a primary founder of the program, said.

The idea for the center was created in March of 2004. Justin Sowder, a student officer in the program, said that they took the idea and ran with it. The fundamental idea was to offer a student organization that was centered on human rights and education in this field of work. This idea evolved into a three-tiered plan to educate students on human rights and to advocate human rights issues in both the Southern Miss community and abroad.

The first tier of the program is education. The foundation of this tier was carried out through the development of a human rights minor that is now available to students at Southern Miss.

Kantrell Nash, an officer in the program, said, "The minor is the foundation of awareness. I've always felt the best way to enact action through a foundation that promotes awareness of the action."

The educational impact of the program is important but is only a small part of the entire program. The major aspect is activism.

Activism, both local and international, incorporates the final two tiers of the program. These tiers have been founded through networking with student organizations that are geared toward human



Justin Sowder, Matthew Arnold, Katrell Nash and Dr. Bob Press stand outside the Liberal Arts Building. Dr. Press and his graduate students have worked hard to establish the Human Rights Center. *Photo by Matikia Wilson*

rights and through a large student voice heard in the leadership of the program.

In addition to networking at the university and the student voice in leadership, the program has organized many independent events. These events include human rights lectures and seminars, starting in Spring 2006. These local means of human rights activism are augmented by international efforts that are being planned for future semesters.

Matthew Arnold, an officer in the program, said, "I want the center to train the next generation of activists. I want it to be the thing that bridges the gap between learning and social theory, these things that get incubated in the university and the social change that we want to see in the world."

Dr. Press said, "We are looking at the theory and application of human rights at an academic and a practical level."

The center has been implemented at a time that appears to be very nurturing, according to the program's leadership.

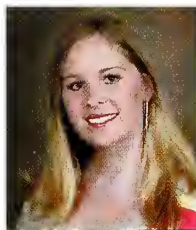
Arnold said, "In the last six or seven years, there has definitely been a growing culture of activism."

The center is not only establishing a beneficial program into the interface of The University of Southern Mississippi; it is also adding to the university's legacy of student involvement. *Story by Chris Mills.*

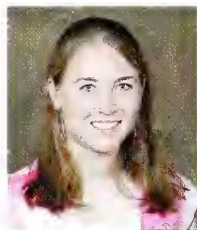
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LEADING LADY

UAC leader talks about the future

Christina El-Murr is dedicated to improving the quality of campus life at Southern Miss through her involvement in the University Activities Council.

El-Murr, a junior nursing major from Birmingham, Ala., is president is of the UAC, one of the largest student organizations on campus. UAC plans such programs as Eagles After Hours in the Union, X-Box Tournaments, Hub City Homegrown concerts and the annual Crawfish Fest in May.

"I am not only president of one of the largest student organizations on campus, but I am president of one of the most diverse and versatile organizations on campus," El-Murr said.

She has been a part of UAC since her first year at Southern Miss. She said she is as motivated her third year as she was her first year.

"UAC was the first organization I joined because I believed in its mission statement. I believe UAC is the only organization on campus that is solely about bringing quality, educational and fun entertainment to student on a consistent manner," El-Murr said.

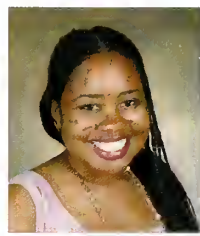
Since being a part of the UAC, she has seen a rise in attendance of programs, and she hopes this will continue even after she leaves.



Christina El-Murr has been president of the UAC for the past two years.
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"I hope to continue to see more and more students come to the programming on campus and support the student organization," El-Murr said.

Brant Ryan, UAC Advisor, has all good things to say about El-Murr. "Christina is diligent, hard-working and people-centered in her approach to leadership. I have had the opportunity to watch her grow into a tremendous leader of UAC who naturally draws the respect of her peers," Ryan said.

Ryan describes El-Murr as outgoing and passionate about helping others, which are two of many reasons why he said she makes a good UAC president.

"She listens well and can relate to a wide range of people. This helps her to be effective in her position but also to build trust among everyone. I think this is most evident as she was selected to serve two consecutive terms as president by her peers," Ryan said.

He said El-Murr has the adaptability to work effectively with any people within and outside of UAC. He said her strongest characteristic is her desire to want to do better than the last time.

"She always wants to improve her own performance and sets the right example for the rest of the organization," Ryan said.

When El-Murr is not in the UAC office or overseeing a function, she is playing pool, watching movies or spending time with her loved ones.

El-Murr hopes to graduate and become a traveling nurse. Later, she wants to do surgical nursing.

"I chose to be a nursing major because the field of nursing can open so many doors for a person. The career opportunities are endless," El-Murr said.

She will deeply cherish her opportunity to serve as president of UAC. She knows she had a major part in providing entertainment and educational programming to the student body and campus community.

"I feel honored, I love being a part of UAC and I would never trade my position for any other on campus," El-Murr said.

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SUPPORTING THE LEGACY

keeping campus traditions alive

When Brandon Belote left his hometown of Vienna, Va. to come to Southern Miss, he already knew he would be a part of The Legacy, a Southern Miss organization that helps to promote school spirit and traditions.

"My mom is an alumna of the university and she told me to join. She didn't really give me an option," Belote said.

Looking back, he is glad he followed the orders of his mother. He said he is really enjoying his experience with The Legacy at Southern Miss.

"I love the fact that people are generally committed to bettering themselves and their campus environment," he said.

Belote, a senior theatrical design and technology major, is president of The Legacy. He works along with 20 other Legacy board members who help plan and prepare for programs. Such programs include The Legacy Series, which educates students about the rich tradition and history of the university from different perspectives, and the tailgating promotions for football, basketball and baseball games to increase school spirit. The organization paints the Little Rock, located at the intersection in front of McLemore Hall in The District, to highlight athletic and student events on campus. An annual tradition before Homecoming, when students trade their t-shirts bearing another school's name for a new Southern Miss shirt, is another Legacy-sponsored event.

"Ultimately, we want to encourage and foster an atmosphere of pride and excellence within the student body for the institution," Belote said.

Since he is the president of an organization aimed at preserving the black and gold, it is only fitting that he has a strong definition of the word "legacy."



Brandon Belote, the current president of The Legacy. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

"I think it means exactly what Dr. Joe Paul describes it as when he is recruiting you for the university. He says, 'The philosophy of Southern Miss is for every student to create and leave a legacy, find something about the university and to leave it in better condition when you leave than it was when you arrived,'" Belote said.

He said the future of the legacy is to continue to encourage Southern Miss spirit and traditions, and to adapt to a changing student body, making sure they have a positive "Go Gold" experience.

Aside from his involvement in The Legacy, Belote is a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He is the president, treasurer and house manager for this Greek organization. He is also active in his fraternity philanthropy project, PUSH America. During the summer, Belote plans to participate in a bicycle ride across Florida to raise awareness and money for people with disabilities. It will be his second time to take part in this charity event.

"It is an amazing, incredible and awesome volunteer experience that is unparalleled by anything else I have ever done," Belote said.

The moments Belote is not planning programs for The Legacy or his fraternity, he is swimming, cycling or watching television. He said he especially loves drama investigation shows like "CSI" and "Law and Order."

Belote is considering attending graduate school immediately after he has finished his undergraduate studies. He said that he wants to leave a legacy of motivating students to lead others in a positive direction of motivation, professionalism and excellence. He also hopes this will encourage positive changes in their spheres of influence.

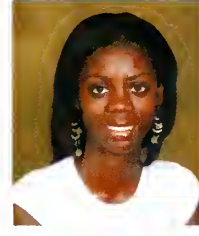
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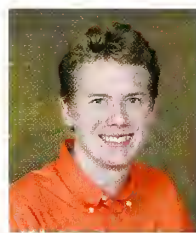


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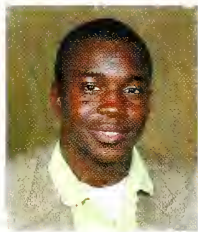
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GLOBE TROTTING

supporting british studies



Dr. Davies helps a student with their work.
Photo by Eric Wrigley

After several years as a newspaper reporter, author and teacher, Dr. David Davies still craves journalism.

"Journalism, once you get involved in it is really addictive. Everyday is different. You get to meet all kinds of interesting people. You get to watch the news being made. It is very exciting, and it always holds your attention. It is the most exciting life there is," Davies said.

He is an associate professor and associate dean for the College of Arts and Letters at The University of Southern Mississippi. He said that journalism is a useful tool for any career.

"Journalism is a vital field of study because you have to write. Therefore, people who have to write have to think and be organized. Learning those skills to be a journalist prepares you for all kinds of professions," Davies said.

His passion for journalism began when he wrote for his high school newspaper in Malvern, Ark. He said he was a quiet person in high school, and writing for the paper helped him to grow out of his shyness.

After going to college and pursuing degrees in journalism, he became an education reporter in Little Rock, Ark., at the "Arkansas Gazette." He wrote many articles, but reporting on the segregation at Central High School in Little Rock really inspired him to write his first book, "Press and Race: Mississippi Journalists Confront the Movement."

"For my entire career, I have been interested in journalism and how they covered the civil rights movement. That lead me to write my first book about how journalists in Mississippi cover civil rights," Dr. Davies said.

Davies is now working on his second book called "The Press in Transition." This book discusses how the newspaper industry as a whole has changed of the last 50 years.

In addition to writing books, he also teaches print journalism and media history classes. One of his favorite activities for the school of mass communication and journalism is encouraging students to participate in the British study abroad program. He said that international study is one of the most important steps a student can take to broadening him or herself during a college career.

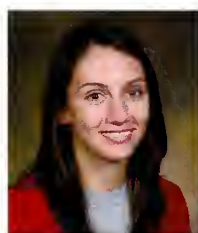
"All of us base our ideas of where we are going in life on where we were raised. If you travel internationally, your perspective of life changes, and your idea of where you can go, and what you can do in this world changes once you have gone abroad," Davies said.

If a student is interesting in becoming a journalist, he also recommends doing as much writing as possible through student newspapers, yearbook writing and any other form of writing. He is confident these skills will be beneficial especially since the format journalism takes is forever changing.

"Journalism will always have a very bright future because everyone needs solid reliable information, but the format in which journalism is delivered is changing. Paper newspapers are giving away to Internet newspapers," Dr. Davies.

As for Dr. Davies' future, he wants to keep working on his books, develop other projects and become a better teacher.

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REMEMBERING ACTIVITIES

student remembers campus experiences

Lakeisha Bryant, a senior at the university this year, is easily one of the most involved students on campus and has many leadership roles in pivotal student organizations. Bryant's resumé includes positions as president of both The African American Student Organization and The Goal Tenders, in addition to co-advisor for Freshman Associates, Chaplain and Community Service Chair of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and active involvement in both Southern Style and as director of Golden Eagle Welcome Week.

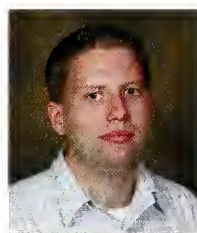
Bryant credits her incredible level of involvement here at The University of Southern Mississippi with the development of personality traits beneficial in both the present and the future.

"My communication skills have developed tremendously," Bryant said. "Also, I know I am going to have to work with a diverse group of people, and my various leadership roles have helped me develop skills that cater directly to this need."

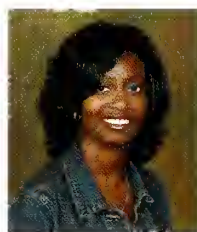
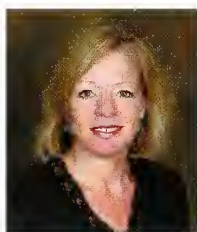


Lakeisha Bryant has been involved in numerous organizations on campus and reflects on her time at Southern Miss fondly.
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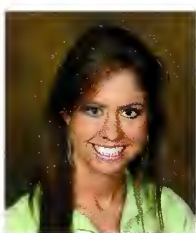
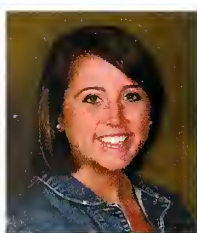
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Bryant is studying criminal justice and law enforcement and her dream is to teach in conjunction with the D.A.R.E. program that works for a drug-free American youth nationwide.

Bryant said that the two major ways Southern Miss has changed her for the better are time flexibility and appreciating life.

"My favorite memory of USM is of being student body maid," Bryant said, "It wasn't an individual title; it was one I carried for the entire student body."

Bryant has had many victorious moments here at Southern Miss, but has maintained a humble personality. Bryant says that Romans 8:28 is a way to sum up her motto in life, "and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

"I want to be led in whatever direction God has for me; it may be a direction I can't see myself traveling in right now, but God has a plan," Bryant said.

Bryant also has wishes for the future of the university as well.

"My wish for Southern Miss is to reach the 20,000 plus mark for enrollment and that there will be an increase in the number of African American faculty/staff members," Bryant said.

"I love Southern Miss because of its diversity," Bryant said. "And more acutely, I am thankful for the Administration of Justice Department for all of the work they have done for me and all of the other students in the department."

In addition to her appreciation of her department, Bryant is also grateful for her mentor, Mrs. Vrita Delaine.

"Mrs. Vrita has been like a mother to me at the university," Bryant said.

Not only is Bryant a student at Southern Miss, but she is also a member of First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, where she is further involved in community activities. Lakeisha Bryant is a perfect example of the well-rounded, service-oriented students that The University of Southern Mississippi wishes to produce. Bryant is very attentive to her academic performance but she is also quite concerned with her performance as an influential member of the student body that is leaving the campus this coming spring much better than she found it just four years ago. *Story by Chris Mills.*

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HEARST AWARDEE

poverty inspires writing

David McRaney, a senior journalism major, was recently honored by winning seventh place in the feature writing category in the 2005 Hearst Journalism Awards. He won a \$500 scholarship, which was matched by a \$500 Southern Miss School of Mass Communication and Journalism research grant for his work.

The story he wrote is called "Area Resident Not Inconvenienced by Katrina." The story revolves around a Sumrall resident living in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, who barely noticed the loss of electricity because she had lived without it most of her life.

McRaney said, "I'm just pleased a story like this one made it into the top 10. All of us who escaped the worst of the damage were whining about our air conditioning and our cable, and here was a lady from my hometown who at 92 years old, barely noticed it."

McRaney also states that he wrote the story as an assignment for class, but he knew that this was the one he wanted to send in when the Hearst Award Competition was announced. He competed against 101 students from 57 universities and colleges across the country.

Maggie Williams, adviser for the "Student Printz," said, "David is the first student since I've been with the paper who has placed in the Hearst Awards. This is a really big honor for David, and it is well deserved." Story by Jessica Shackleford.

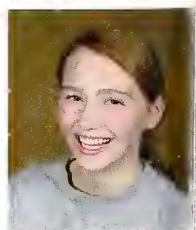
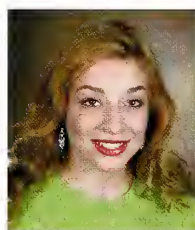


David McRaney is a senior journalism major from Sumrall, Miss. Photo by Jennifer Petcher

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DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

science professor honored

Dr. Sabine Heinhorst, an accomplished research scientist and chemistry professor, was chosen as the seventh Bennett Distinguished Professor in the Sciences. She has been a faculty member at The University of Southern Mississippi since 1987 and will hold the title from 2005 to 2007.

Dr. Rex Gandy said, "The Bennett Distinguished Professorship is one of the highest honors that Southern Miss can bestow on one of the faculty. Dr. Heinhorst has excelled at teaching, research and service and is richly deserving of this award. She continues a long line of outstanding scientists and teachers who have won this award."

The Bennett Distinguished Professor in the Sciences is selected from faculty members in the college of Science and Technology by the dean, and it is based on the recommendation of a selection committee, usually composed of former Bennett Professors.

The Bennett Professorship comes with an endowment of \$28,000 over two years to support research, travel and equipment. The Bennett Professor's name is also inscribed on a plaque, which is displayed in the lobby of the Chain Technology Building.

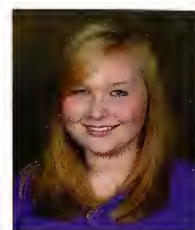
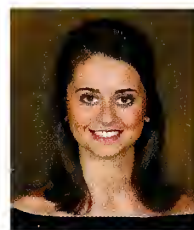
Heinhorst said, "The Bennett Professorship funding does not come with any restrictions and will allow me to expand my current research by following exciting new directions. I am very grateful to the family of T.W. "Buddy" Bennett for providing these opportunities."

Story by Jessica Shackleford.



Dr. Sabine Heinhorst checks on the progress of her research.
Photo by Jennifer Petcher

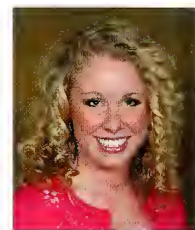
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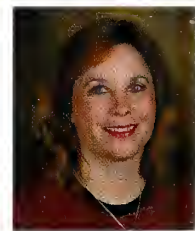
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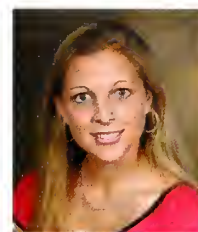


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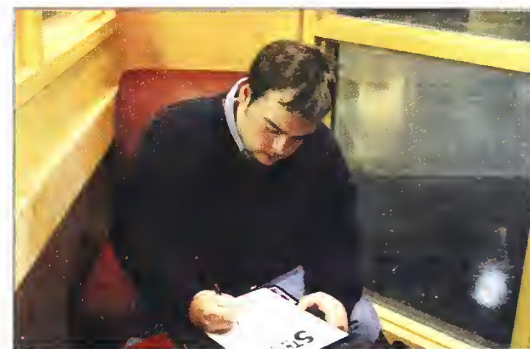
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DRAWING HUMOR

campus entertained by cartoons



Kyle Hilton draws his latest cartoon for the "Student Printz."
Photo by Robin Bolton

Kyle Hilton has a title many would consider odd for a student. He is a cartoonist. Hilton is a dedicated member of "The Student Printz," and shows his talent for drawing in every issue by creating original comics.

"I have always drawn a lot and really enjoyed it," Hilton said. "I started early in life but started really focusing on portraits and people in high school."

Before getting the job of cartoonist at "The Student Printz," Hilton said he became interested in classic comics and began researching the lives of famous cartoonists. After signing up for a mailing list on the journalism Web page for Southern Miss, he received notice that a position was empty, and he put in his application.

"I don't think the paper would be much different without my comics, but I think they help add some lightheartedness to the sometimes negative news "The Student Printz" publishes," Hilton said.

"The part I really enjoy is when I get to see people enjoying my work. I love to get feedback from readers. My job at the paper has

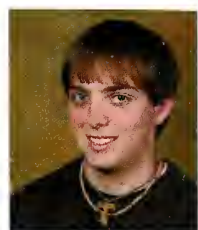
given me a small role on campus and makes me take in the minute aspects of what it is like to be in college," he said.

Hilton said that he feels the paper has given him a small voice or influential outlet on campus. Even though it is his first semester as a cartoonist for "The Student Printz," he has already established himself in the job. He said that would like to remain involved in the paper through his comics and plans to factor his affinity for cartooning into his occupational goal. He wishes to be an elementary school teacher. He is also illustrating a children's book and wishes to someday illustrate his own children's books.

Kyle Hilton has lent his artistic abilities to Southern Miss through his participation on the newspaper staff, and he is sure to be remembered as a very influential member of the student body.

Story by Chris Mills.

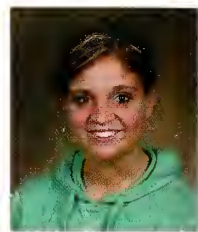
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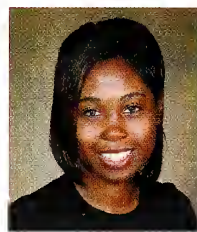
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Prine, Kathleen R.
Lucedale, Ms.



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Irvington, Ms.
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Gautier, Ms.
Quick, Monica T.
Florence, Ms.
Quinn, Joshua J.
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PAINTING THE FUTURE

a mural for new union



Bill Baggett presents a model of the new student union mural.
Photo from Southern Miss Public Relations.

Friday, Dec. 16, 2005 was a special day for The University of Southern Mississippi as professor and artist Bill Baggett revealed his latest mural.

The mural, which is named "The University's Bounty," is set to hang above the main foyer in the new student union. Professor Bill Baggett said that this mural has been a long time coming. Baggett went on to say that the concept of the mural is related to higher education as he uses Southern Miss as a "poster boy" for this ideal, all of which parallels the University's motto of "Freeing the Power of the Individual."

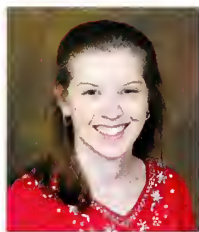
"It deals with the ideas of one broadening their life by pursuing and furthering their education," Baggett said.

The mural, in blue, brown and golden hue, features the left panel filled with a group of excited graduates, a stadium of enthusiastic fans and an ecstatic coach, who as he is being interviewed by a reporter, is also preparing to accept a championship trophy.

The mural's second panel adds to the first one by featuring two mesmerizing glass windows that are outlined in white and which



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serve to separate a large gathering at one of the university's numerous social events in front of the Aubrey K. Lucas Administration building. Students are also featured using computers in the foreground and studying at tables as others catch up on their reading at the library.

The last panel displays a background of an intense blue sky and enlited students hanging onto their professor's every word, while their features as doctors and scientists are revealed to the viewer.

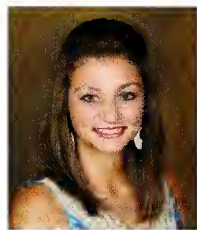
Baggett expects it to take six months to paint the mural and he plans to continue painting on it after the Union opens regardless of the fact that people will be watching him as he paints. In fact, he is not worried about it and said people don't bother him as he "gets into the zone and can tune it out and focus."

Baggett's portfolio also includes the largest mural ever painted on stainless steel featured in the Hattiesburg Public Library, a work that took him three years to complete. Baggett's work can also be found at the University Medical Center in Jackson, Miss. That particular work was constructed in his studio and then transported to the Medical Center for installation. Another murals is on display at Auburn University in the

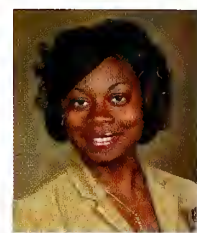
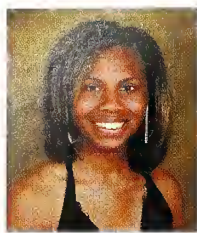
Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art. The U.S. Information Agency has sent prints of Baggett's work to countries like Hong Kong, South Africa, Chile, Israel, Argentina, Yugoslavia, Mexico, Thailand, Sweden and Iran to be added to the U.S. Embassy Collections.

Baggett, who first began his teaching career at Southern Miss in 1983, currently teaches graphic design and printmaking. His career began at Auburn as an undergraduate where he received a bachelors degree in visual arts. He went to Nashville to get into the industry, where he worked in art directing and publication design. However, after becoming dissatisfied with the quality of work that he was seeing out of new graduates, he decided to go back to teaching at Auburn while working on his masters in fine art. Once he completed his graduate degree, he taught at The University of Mississippi for three years before moving back to Auburn to get his tenure. Finally, Baggett received a position at Southern Miss as chair of the art department and later as interim dean of the college for a year. However, to devote more time to his artwork, Baggett went back to the classroom to resume his love of art and teaching. *Story by Joseph Ezell.*

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SERVING SOUTHERN

serving the campus community

Lakeba Jackson, a senior biological sciences major on the pre-dental track, president of The University of Southern Mississippi's Luckyday Scholars, member of I.M.A.G.E and a 2004 Southern Style member, is a wonderful example of a servant leader on campus.

"Personally, the Luckyday Program has helped me to shape and define my character; it helps keep me balanced and realize that even when things are at their busiest it is important to take time out to help others," Jackson said.

Jackson exemplifies the targeted outcome of the Luckyday program. She explained how it is easy to become so wrapped up in one's self, while in college and striving so hard to succeed whether academically, socially or otherwise.

"The program is important because it allows scholars to connect to other students as well as to their Luckyday community," Jackson said. "The biggest benefit a student can get out of the program is knowledge of the needs of others."

This is Jackson's second year as executive team president and she has nothing but praise for the scholars involved in the Luckyday program that she has worked with over the past two years.

"This is a group of leaders who are able to extend their leadership beyond solely their four years here," Jackson said.



Lakeba Jackson, the current Luckyday Scholars president, and is heavily involved in community service. Photo by Toni Bynum

In addition to the chance to meet co-scholars and other students, Jackson also said that the program serves as a great transition between a student's education here and their post graduate experiences. Jackson said that she could sum the entire program up into the word "opportunities."

"More so than just as a financial aid package that allows some students to attend here at all, the program allows students to be shaped by their service learning commitments," Jackson said.

She added that even the living arrangements are conducive to association with other student leaders and this furthers the development of new scholars' leadership qualities.

Lakeba Jackson is a true student servant leader who achieved such stature through a program that acts to help a different group of students tap into their leadership potential every year. Jackson has been greatly influenced by the program, and through her two year presidency has greatly influenced the program and those students rising through its ranks. Story by Chris Mills.



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RESEARCH HONORED

sigma xi awards research grant

Mary Jia Guo is spectacular in many different ways. She graduated from high school in three years and applied for early admission to The University of Southern Mississippi

She is now a sophomore, and she has received quite another amazing honor. She has become one of the few people around the world to be awarded a research grant from Sigma Xi. Sigma Xi is an international honorary scientific research society.

The \$300 research grant she received will help her in her continual study on the diagnosis of various cancers. The results of her study could eventually become vital to increasing the survival rate of cancer patients across the United States.

Committee members claim that Sigma Xi's research program awards \$1,000 annually to students and is a very competitive process. Usually, only about 20 percent of applicants receive funding. Guo has made excellent steps toward her future in science, and she can be seen as an example for younger science students.

Story by Jessica Shackelford.

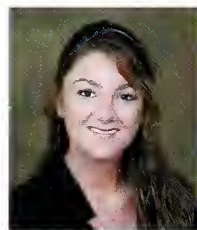
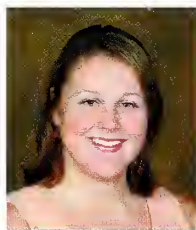


Mary Jia Guo is currently a sophomore at Southern Miss. Photo from Southern Miss Public Relations

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS REWARDED

young banker award presented

The University of Southern Mississippi student Laura Read, a senior from Hattiesburg, was named the 2005 recipient of the Mississippi Young Bankers Leadership Scholarship award. Each year, the Mississippi Bankers Association awards a plaque and a \$1,000 scholarship to a Mississippi college student majoring in business and finance. Read was nominated by finance professor James Lindley.

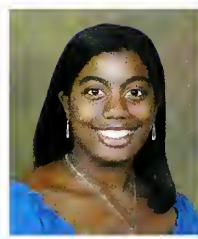
Read said, "I'm grateful for Mississippi Young Bankers for choosing me for this award. It's an honor to be recognized and to bring that recognition back to Southern Miss."

Read is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Societies, as well as a Financial Services scholar. She has also been named a Forrest General Hospital Scholar Athlete.

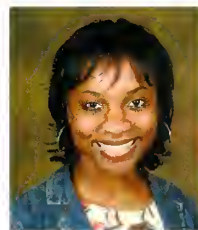
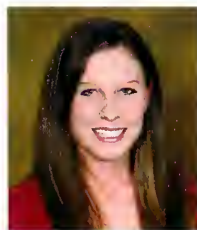
Her future plans include completing her bachelor's degree in 2006 and pursuing her master's degree in finance. Her future career plans include going into some area of forensic accounting or starting her own business. *Story by Jessica Shackleford.*



MYB Scholarship Chairman Russell Fava presents Laura Read with the MYB Leadership Scholarship Plaque. *Photo from Southern Miss Public Relations*



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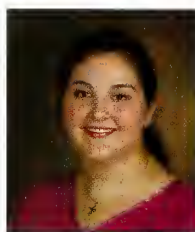


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Smith, Veronica R.
Lorman, Ms.
Somers, Austin D.
Wiggins, Ms.

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Spann, Crystal L.
Jackson, Ms.
Spann, Lindsay
Brandon, Ms.
Speights, Sharmeka M.
Hattiesburg, Ms.
Spencer, Leslie K.
Covington, La
Sprague, Kelly A.
Johnson City, Tn



TAKING TO THE STAGE

student stars in hit play

"Acting is a shy man's revenge." Commenting on his own shyness, sophomore theatre major Mason Criswell quotes Tom Hanks with a smile. However, those who know Criswell as the title character in this fall's hit comedy *"Scapin"* may find it hard to think of him as introverted. In the show, he played Scapin, a mischievous servant with too-large pants and a very stylized pattern of speech and movement.

Though many will remember Criswell for this particular performance, he is certainly no stranger to the stage. His career actually began during his freshman year in high school. Before arriving at Southern Miss, he attended the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts, where he developed a background in technical theatre.

"I wanted to be in movies," Criswell said. "Like Jim Carrey."

However, once at Southern Miss, he found himself performing in *"Much Ado About Nothing"* and *"Shakespeare Alive"* - "a very combat-intensive show," Criswell said. The same kind of physicality that applies to the stage combat in *"Shakespeare Alive"* also applied to the way the characters in *"Scapin"* move.

"*'Scapin'* was very different from other shows I've done. It was very physical and movement-intensive," Criswell said.

Criswell described the process he used in order to develop his character. First, he thought about the relationships that his character had with other characters, which dictated how he acted around them. Next, he considered Scapin's goals; focusing on what he wanted to accomplish gave his character a sense of determination and a purpose.

"I also try to think about how I, personally, would react to a situation, and then I think about how Scapin would react," Criswell said.

After establishing how Scapin functioned, he then decided how the character would move - an important factor, since the audience



Mason Criswell performs his title role in *"Scapin."*
Photo by Toni Bynum

can interpret a character's personality through movement even before the dialogue begins. All of this helped to create the physical being that was Scapin.

However, Criswell does not hesitate to credit his fellow cast members. Since they connected as a cast and that allowed them to play off of each other's work, thereby taking the show to a new level. He comments on the cast's intimacy, stating that they felt much like a family.

The cast's level of closeness did not go unnoticed by the American College Theatre Festival, which praised the play highly. The *"Scapin"* cast will perform again, this time for judges in Jacksonville, Fla. Criswell himself earned an Irene Ryan Award nomination for his performance.

Though *"Scapin"* still remains a part of Criswell's future, he has begun to focus on other projects and performances. However, he is not certain what his next project will be:

"I won't know until this week," he said, referring to the auditions for the spring semester, which include the shows *"Enemy of the People," "Fefu and Her Friends"* and a compilation of Shakespearean scenes entitled *"Will Power."*

Criswell said that he would like to try his hand at directing, but he also affirms his love for performing.

"Acting gives me a chance to forget the stresses of life and become someone else," he said.

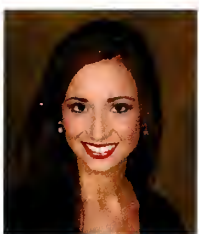
His performance also helps the audience members forget their own stresses and simply enjoy themselves for a while. By "taking his revenge," Criswell does a service to the community simply by contributing his art. Story by Ashley Hoppe.



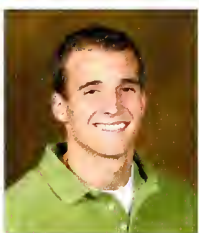
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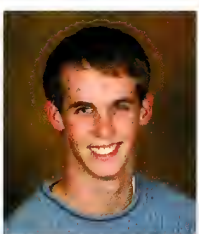
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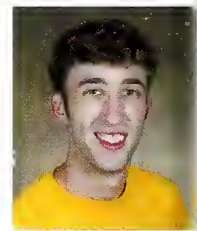
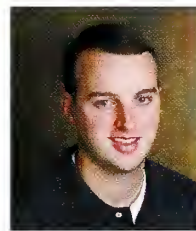
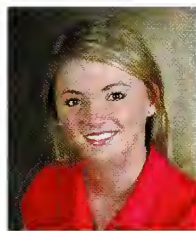
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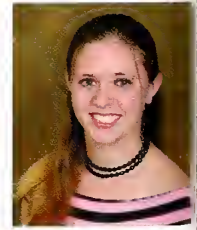
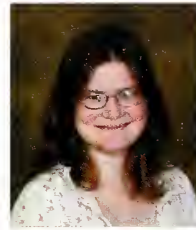
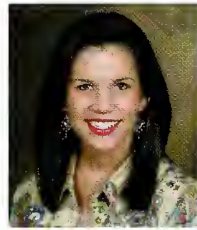
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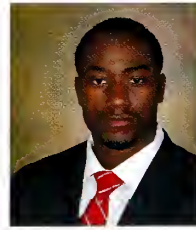
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INFLUENCING OTHERS

encouraging successful lifestyles



Valerie Hayes, the assistant hall director for Bolton Hall. Photo by Eric Wrigley

In addition to her drive for academic success, Valerie Hayes, an exceptional Southern Miss senior speech communication major, acts as a role model to both her peers and younger students.

Valerie is active in many on campus organizations such as the Speech Communication Association, For Students by Students campus ministry and intramural basketball. She is also a Luckyday Scholar and the assistant hall director for Bolton Hall. Through all of these on campus social outlets, Valerie said that she has been able to obtain her goal of helping people.

"I want to make a difference in as many lives as I can," Valerie said.

Her involvement in the Residence Hall Association is what Valerie cites as her most influential role on campus, and she said that through this involvement she has been able to help freshmen not miss out on opportunities. She has also been able to develop a sense of what is important to succeed at Southern Miss.

"Be very open minded, and don't expect the things that worked in high school to work here," Valerie said, "Become involved in the school and never forget the importance of God in life."

This advice Valerie gives to students whether they are new or returning students is one aspect of her leadership quality. Valerie said that she demonstrates the importance of this advice with leading by example and trying to never be judgmental.

Carolyn Brooks, who is also a speech communication major and close friend of Valerie said that although Valerie was in many cases involved in areas that did not yield public appreciation, she deserved to be recognized for her accomplishments and the impact she has made in the lives of countless Southern Miss students.

"Valerie has defined what friendship really is to me," Carolyn said. "I just want to be around her because it is always a positive experience."

Carolyn explained that Valerie is a silent leader who forms "deep, profound relationships with other people," and that whatever Valerie strives to do is done to the best of her ability.

In the future, Valerie plans to attend graduate school, and her top choice is The University of Southern Mississippi. She would like to apply for a graduate hall director position. Valerie added that her goal is to work toward a degree but to also maintain the friendships she has formed up to this point.

Valerie said the advice she would give to incoming students, or those who are just trying to get motivated for another year at Southern Miss, would be to never be timid and always take the first step. According to Valerie, this is often the hardest step. She added that many students benefit from making friends who are not afraid to hold them accountable for their actions. Valerie also said that in addition to all of this advice, faith played a large part in her life and success on campus.

"If you are going to pray don't worry, if you are going to worry don't pray," she said.

Her strong religious convictions and consistent pursuit of academic and social advancement are the two primary traits that make Valerie Hayes an exceptional student and silent leader who positively influences everyone she meets. Story by Chris Mills.



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PLAYING CHASE

capture the flag sweeps campus



The capture the flag team meets at Cook Library getting ready to play in the middle of the night. Photo by Eric Wrigley

Groups and organizations at Southern Miss are primarily developed based on a common interest shared between the members. This is definitely the case of the capture the flag group on campus. They meet every Thursday between the campus libraries to participate in a game they all enjoy.

Capture the flag is a classic game in which players attempt to take control of the opposing team's flag. The Southern Miss group began playing the game on campus in 2001 and continues to have weekly meetings in which many regulars participate. However, all students are invited to participate in games.

"It is one of the few times you really get to experience fear, in a relatively safe way," Erik Johnson, a teaching assistant and current head of the group, said.

The excitement of the game is one aspect that all members said was the most enjoyable and the biggest reason many of the members return every week. Adam Bond, another member of the group, explained that the most amazing part of the game was the way in which it made players look at the campus in a different way.

Bond said, "Instead of seeing bushes and trees, players see cover."

Eric Wrigley, a computer science and mass communication major said, "Most people play because one of their friends asked them to try

it, and they liked it. I play because it helps me keep my stamina up for the Army."

In addition to the physical aspect of the game, some players accredited its appeal to the camaraderie it involves.

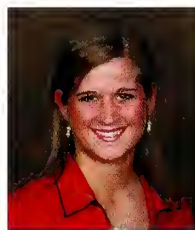
Hillary Lovinggood, a sophomore art major, said, "I come because it is a chance to hang out with people I don't normally get to see."

This group is different from many other campus groups more than just on a surface level explained Erik Johnson.

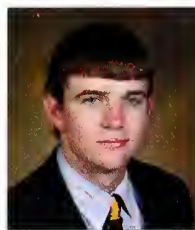
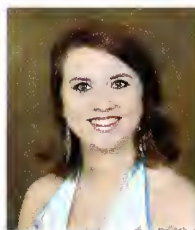
"We are more intimately involved with the campus police than other groups," Johnson said. "We let them know we are playing so that we don't get arrested, and occasionally, we are used to spot suspicious looking people around campus."

Regardless of the reasons for its appeal and the ways it is different from other on-campus organizations, the capture the flag group is an example of an outlet for entertainment formed by students on campus. It serves to illustrate that no matter what a student's interests are, Southern Miss more than likely houses other students with similar interests. Story by Chris Mills.

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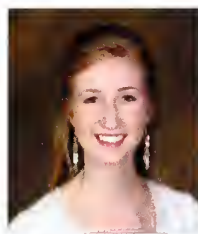


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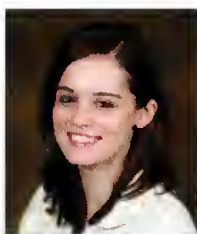




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PARTYING WITH A MONKEY



Curator Ellen Ruffin visits with the collection's large Curious George doll.
Photo from Southern Miss Public Relations

library collection features Curious George

On the heels of the release of the "Curious George" movie, McCain Library and the de Grummond Children's Literature Collection hosted the "Curious George Goes Hollywood" party, which was used as a means of showcasing Southern Miss' extensive collection of rare artifacts depicting this famous cartoon monkey.

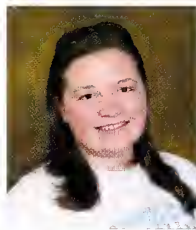
Since its foundation in 1966, H.A. and Margret Rey, the creators of Curious George, contributed extensively to the de Grummond collection until the remains of the literary estate were given to Southern Miss upon Margret's death in 1996. Through the years, the donations made by the Rey's were so substantial that the front cover of the collection's catalogue is a picture of George bringing his stories to Hattiesburg, which was drawn by H.A himself.

Ellen Ruffin, the curator of the collection, was excited about the reemergence of Curious George with the popularity of the new movie.

The stories of Curious George have become an integral part of these special collections of the university libraries, and with the release of the "Curious George" movie, there seemed no better time to illustrate the important donations of famous contributors to Southern Miss.

Story by Chris Mills

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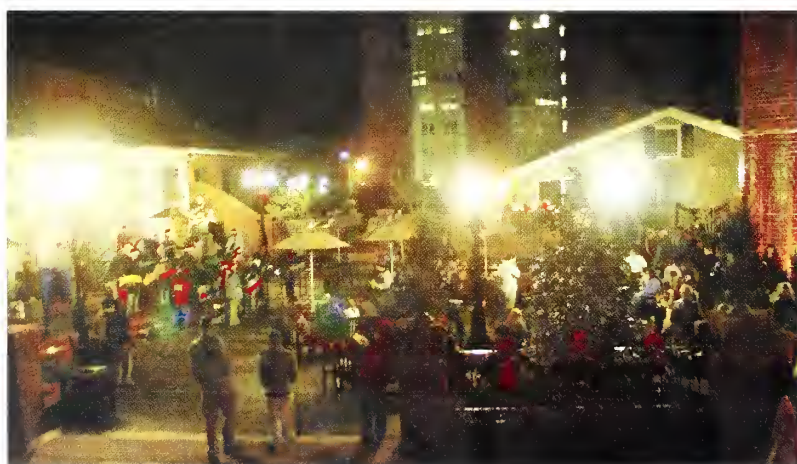


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grand opening of the new courtyard



Students enjoy the grand opening of the Courtyard. Photo from USM Photo Services.

On Dec. 6, 2005, The University of Southern Mississippi was proud to announce the grand opening of the Courtyard. The Courtyard, located across from the Cook Library, is meant to be a gathering place for both students, faculty and guests. The celebratory grand opening included Christmas music, food and prizes, and an excited crowd gathered to enjoy the atmosphere. The opening even had a surprise guest when "Rasta Claus" arrived to entertain the guests with Christmas carols.

Greg Lassen, vice president for business and finance, was the originator of the Courtyard idea because he wanted there to be a place for students and faculty to be able to relax and enjoy the campus.

The Courtyard has a very New Orleans atmosphere to it, which makes a lot of students feel more at home.

Brandi Ferrer, a sophomore, said, "Being from the New Orleans area, the new Courtyard provides a home-away-from-home feeling because there is a little taste of New Orleans in the middle of the Southern Miss Campus."

The Courtyard was welcomed among the student body and already being used for everything from studying and rehearsing to just hanging out. Story by Jessica Shackelford.



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COMPETITIVE BUSINESS

golden eagle challenge winners announced

The Inaugural Golden Eagle Challenge, an MBA business plan competition, was held Dec. 16, 2005. This competition is one of a kind in Mississippi, which shows the entrepreneurial growth of The University of Southern Mississippi.

This competition consists of teams where each team represents a fictional company, and they pitch their business plans as if the judges were venture capitalists who might fund their market plan. Each team was shown new technologies and had to invent a product from those technologies and create a business plan to market that product. At this competition, all teams proposed products based off of new technologies developed by Dr. Marek Urban, a Polymer Science professor, and Joseph Kolibal, an associate professor of mathematics.

This year's winner was the graduate student management team whose fictional business was called Pro-Tech. The team consisted of Rachel Grayson, Tyler Ford, Ann Pope and Mary Anne Jones. They believe that their victory is due to their solid market plan that would bring in an excess of 75 million customers.

Dean Harold Doty said that the competition helps students understand how businesses work from the ground up and is very beneficial to universtiy commercializing as well. *Story by Jessica Shackleford.*



The winning team stands on the stage during the final round of judging.
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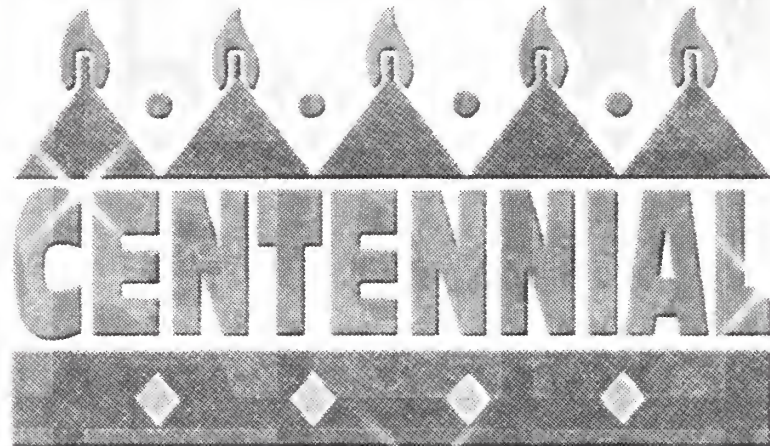
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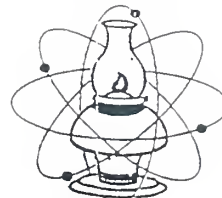
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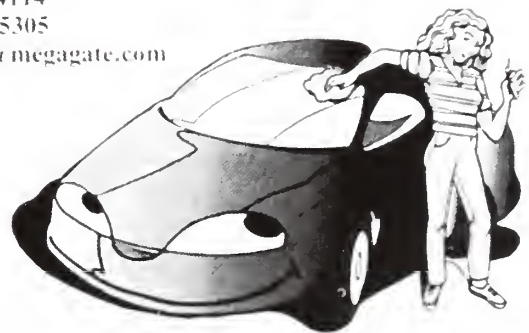
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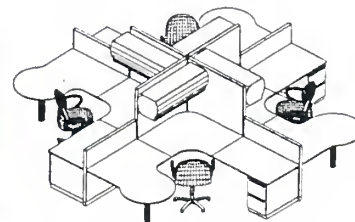
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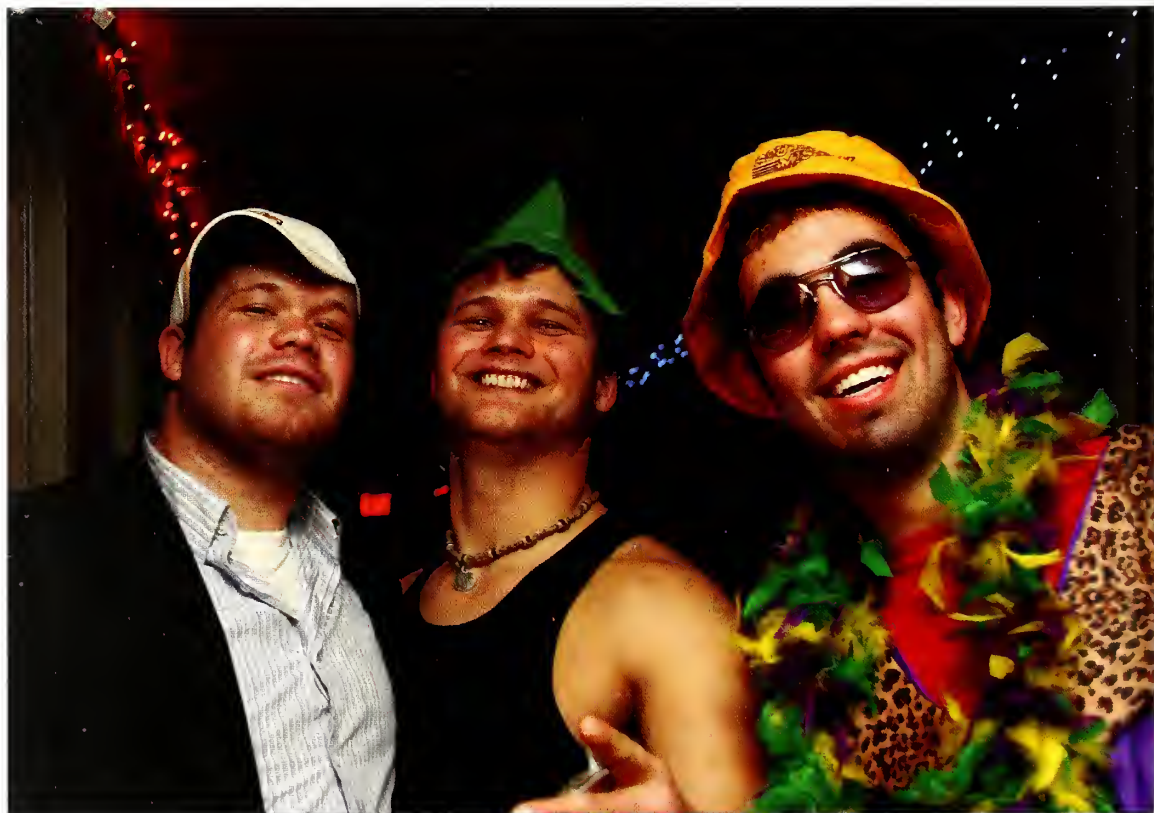


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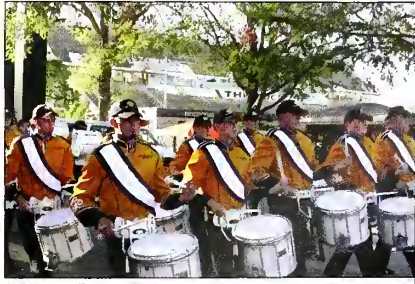


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The legacy of The University of Southern Mississippi lives through its student body, and more importantly through the actions taken by students after graduation. When their time here is over, it is up to students to continue to build the legacy, striving constantly to better themselves and the community in which they practice their profession. With great pride, confidence and care,



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Southern Miss graduates enter fields from art to zoology and spread the ideals of Southern Miss and its rich legacy throughout the world. The importance of this legacy is that regardless of future failures or triumphs, students of Southern Miss will always be members of the Golden Eagle family.



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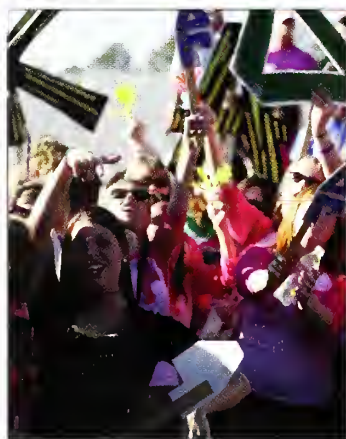


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How a legacy is defined and how a legacy is played out in the life of each student is contingent on the situation. Through the events of the last year and through the response to these events, the Southern Miss legacy was seen to be an unquenchable force that saturates a large portion of the student body. Despite this, the individual instances of the legacy rely on each student to take up his or her part and do everything possible to better the community or fulfill the needs of a group or even an individual in need.

The impact of the last year was felt in many theaters in our homes, our friendships, our families and even our personalities. With this in mind, there are choices to be made. We can sit back and enjoy the ride through the rest of our stay at Southern Miss and through the



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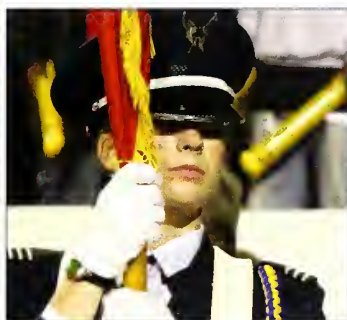


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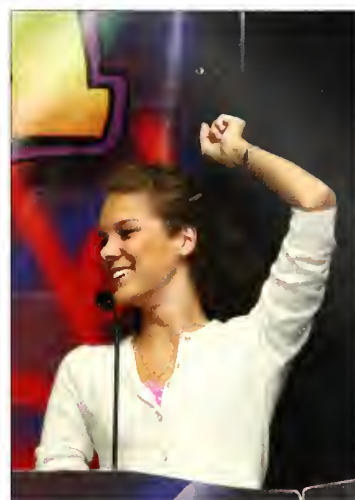


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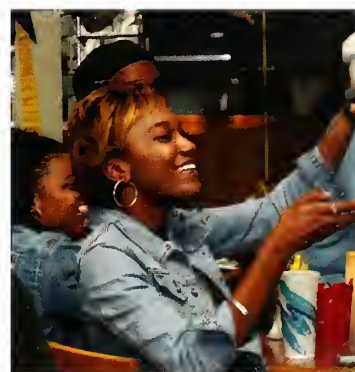


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rest of our lives, or we can take the Golden Eagle legacy on our shoulders and push forward picking up the fallen along the way and achieving new heights of human service. In all of the changes and in all of the difficulties of the past year, only one thing remains the same, the need for knowledge and understanding. As long as these basic needs remain, Southern Miss will remain prominent, and the legacy that follows will continue to strengthen our present and empower our future. Story by Chris Mills

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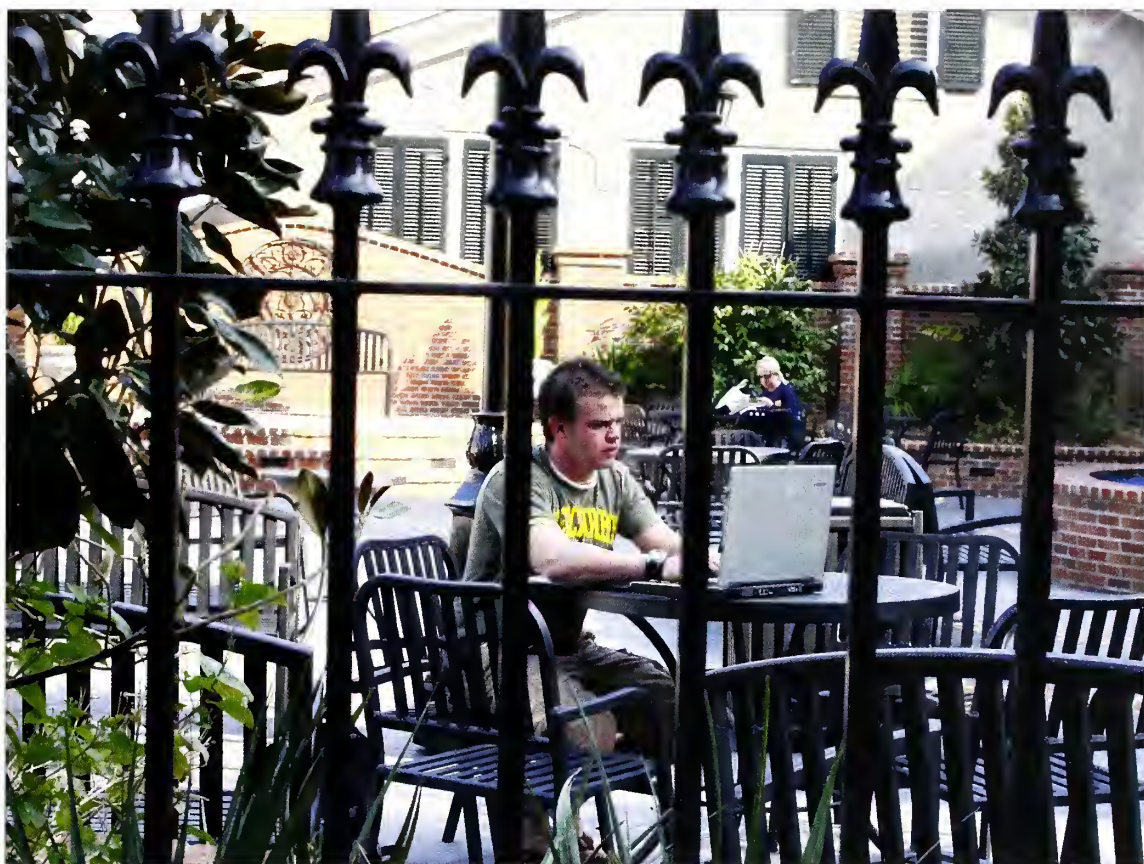


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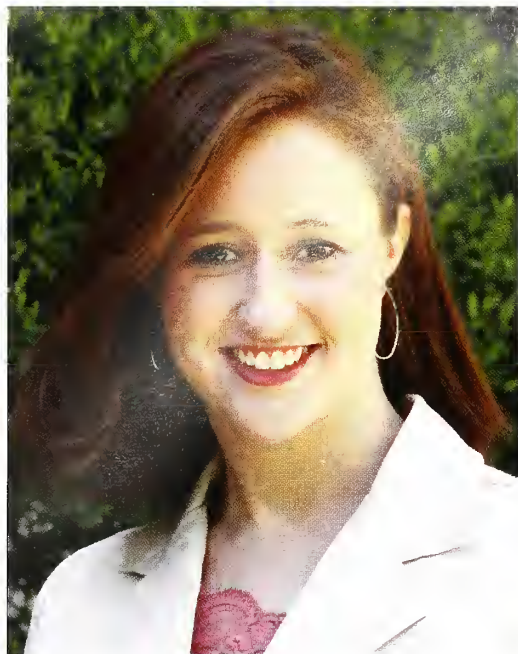
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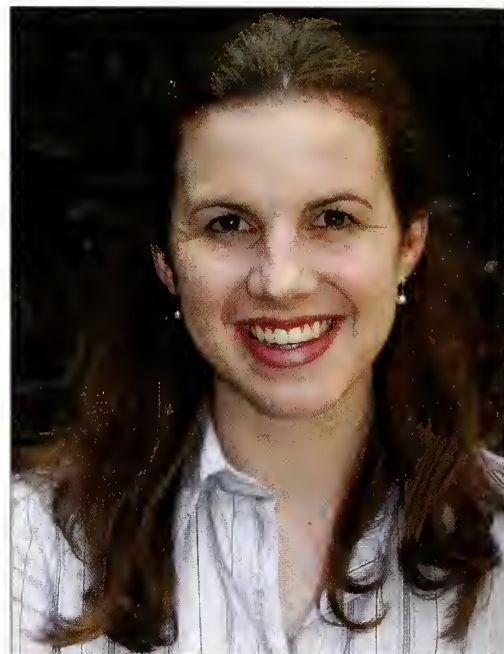
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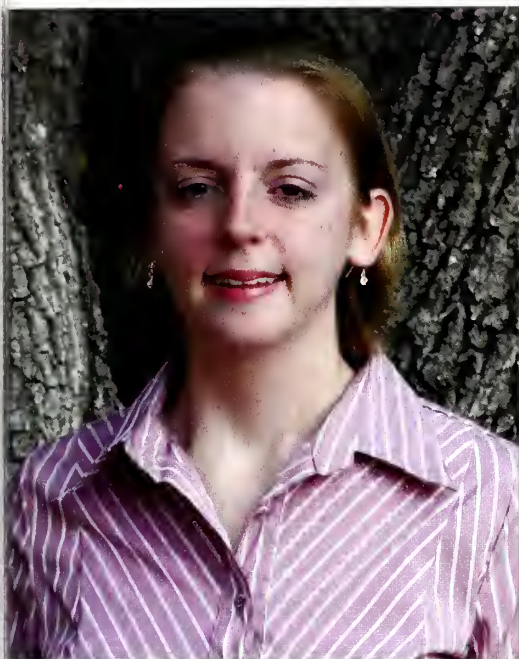
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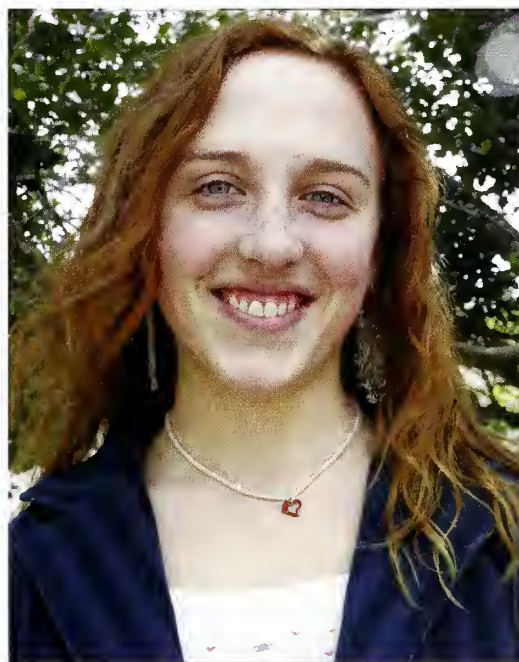
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Another year has passed and another opportunity to build upon the traditions of Southern Miss has come and gone. Now we must take time to absorb the impact that this great school has made upon our lives and ponder the legacy we left behind. We were given the chance, but what did we do with it? Did we make friendships that would last a lifetime? Did we change ourselves for the better or for the worse? Did we gain new intellectual wisdom or simply pass the class? Did we embark on a new journey or did we merely become content with the past or the present? Most importantly, did we make a difference and did we *build the legacy?*

Thank you to all those who spent many days and nights making this book possible. I have truly been honored and humbled to have my chance to build the legacy.

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